# The Spectator

FIRST PUBLISHED AS HAMILTON LIFE IN 1899 http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/studentmedia/spectator/

HAMILTON COLLEGE, CLINTON, NY APRIL 19, 1996 VOL. XXXVI, NO. 11



RECEIVED APR 23 1996 HAMILTON COLLEGE LIBRARY


## Accepted students get ISC perspective

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As prospective students and their parents filed out from the Chapel Tuesday afternoon, members of the Inter-Society-Council handed out pamphlets and fliers explaining student discontent with the condition of the College after the Res Life decision.

This action was taken as part of an effort by the ISC to voice their opinion to perspective students who were on the Hill attending the Accepted Students Open House. Students also distributed flyers at a private dinner for the perspective student's parents. "The goal of these actions were to inform prospective students of the unhappy situation on campus this year." said Christie Gammill '97, President of the ISC.

President of Sigma Phi Ben Mintz '98 added, "If incoming freshmen are unaware of the Res-Life Decision they may very well enroll in an institution where they will be unhappy. That would have serious negative ramifications for the College in the coming years."

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

**Students distribute flyers to prospectives on Tuesday.**

The fliers, addressed to prospectives and their parents, stated that 83% of upperclass students felt that their Hamilton experience was significantly worse than in previous years, 91% of first years indicated that they were unhappy, and that only 21% indicated they were happy or felt their experience this year was better than last.

These statistics were compiled from a poll the ISC conducted in Beinecke over a three day period. Council members asked students to fill out questionaires during four hour periods from late morning to early afternoon.

Many administrators and students were upset at the actions taken by the ISC. Richard Fuller, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, called the activities, "Unfortunate." and felt, "(the ISC) did themselves and the school a disservice by diminishing the incredible efforts by so many


*please see **ISC** on page 5*


## Frat lawsuit dismissed

By Tom Ayres '98
NEWS EDITOR

A federal judge dismissed the court case filed against the College by four fraternities upset by the Res Life decision which took away their right to live in their houses.

The fraternities - Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, and Sigma Phi - had asked for a preliminary injunction in the suit filed on July 10 of last year. The fraternities sued under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, arguing that the plan monopolized services for students.

The College responded to the complaint with a motion to dismiss on August 1. US District Court Judge Rosemary Pooler heard oral arguments on October 2, reserving judgement for six months while she weighed arguments. In a decision rendered late Friday afternoon, she dismissed the suit.

While not viewing it as an outright victory, President Tobin sees the outcome as an opportunity to bridge the gap between the College and societies.

"The decision does give a certain degree of clarity to the future by providing a resolution of the first phase of the Res Life plan," said Tobin. "However, if we do not exist as one college we won't survive."

Members of the four suing fraternities and the ISC itself viewed the decision as a huge blow to their cause, they did not see it as a total defeat, stating that they are still discussing all their options.

"We've worked hundreds of hours towards this glimmer of hope," said ISC president Christina Gammill '97, "and to experience a loss like this is disappointing because it effects all of the societies and to some extent the entire student body."

Despite the letdown, the fraternities are discussing their options with their lawyers, which may include an appeal of the original case or a pursuit of other means of litigation. Certain among all four frats involved, however, is their plan not to sell the houses in the near future.

"We'll have to look over our legal options," said Psi Upsilon president Gary Bisbee '97, "but one thing is for sure - we're not selling before the beginning of next year."


*please see **Suit** on page 4*


## Fires raise questions, concern

By Jacob M. Stetser '98
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The residents of Dunham were awakened early last Saturday morning by the all-too-familiar sound of fire alarms ringing through the halls. Four fires broke out in Dunham in the space of two evenings- but the great number of false alarms this year seems to have dampened both student and Campus Safety concern.

A damaging fire that broke out in the first floor lounge on Saturday morning underscored the need for constant attention to fire alarms. Response to the incident lacked the urgency that is instrumental in saving lives.

Many Dunham residents slept through the alarm as long as they were able, and one student- unaware that the room directly ahead of them had been in flames just a few minutes earlier- smashed the fire alarm in hopes of getting back to sleep.

When it became evident to residents, however, that the fire was indeed real, most huddled in the doorways at the ends of Dunham. Normal procedure requires that inhabitants evacuate the building. Due to the torrential rain early that morning,


*please see **fire** on Page 5*

PHOTO FROM SPECTATOR ARCHIVES

**Dunham has been plagued by fires.**

## Annual Womyn's Energy Week celebrated

By Aleksandr Voninski '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Womyn's Center celebrated its annual Womyn's Energy Week with numerous lectures, rallies, presentations and discussions. The week is used to focus the community's attention on a variety of issues pertaining to women, both on and off the Hamilton campus, and to generally educate and empower women about themselves and the impact of gender in society.

Womyn's Energy Week kicked off the series of events on Monday by displaying the week-long Clothesline Project both inside Beinicke and on Martin's Way. The Week will wrap up with a Dance Party at10PM in the Bristol Hub this Friday.

When asked about the turnout so far for the Week's events, Tracy Hildebrand '96, Co-Coordinator of Womyn's Energy Week said, "Attendance has been great so far. Despite the rain on Monday night, almost 50 people showed up at the Library steps for the Take Back the Night Rally. Originally we thought we might have to cancel it because of the weather but everyone who turned up was really enthusiastic. The Speak Out that took place in the Barn later that evening was really empowering. It provided a safe place for women on this campus to speak out about personal experiences that they've had."

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

**Take Back the Night Rally featured a march to speak out against violence against women.**

The unpredictable weather of the past week did force the relocation of the Clothesline Project T-shirts inside Beinicke and back out on Martin's Way throughout the week. Each individual T-shirt, designed by different Hamilton students, symbolized the sexual assault, domestic violence, rape and general abuse against women both on campus and off.

On Tuesday, Dorothy Abrams spoke in the Red Pit about "Rekindling the Goddess Culture," and on Wednesday, "Yom Hashoah: Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration" was sponsored by Women's Studies. From Wednesday through Thursday, Hamilton students' papers


*please see **Womyn** on page 5*


## Inside • This • Issue


| NEWS | FEATURES | A & E | SPORTS | INDEX | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Page 2 | Page 8 | Page 18 | Page 24 | Security Blotter | 6 |
| *Biographer chosen as commencement speaker* | *Poets come alive in Intercollegiate Reading Series* | *Buddha's Buzz: What are you doing on April 27?* | *Werkhoven and Tekkora named All-Americans* | Personals | 10 |
| | | | | Editorial | 12 |
| | | | | Letters To The Editor | 13 |
| | | | | Horoscopes | 19 |
| | | | | Calendar | 20 |
| | | | | Sports Schedule | 22 |

# Biographer to deliver commencement address

SPECIAL TO THE *SPECTATOR*

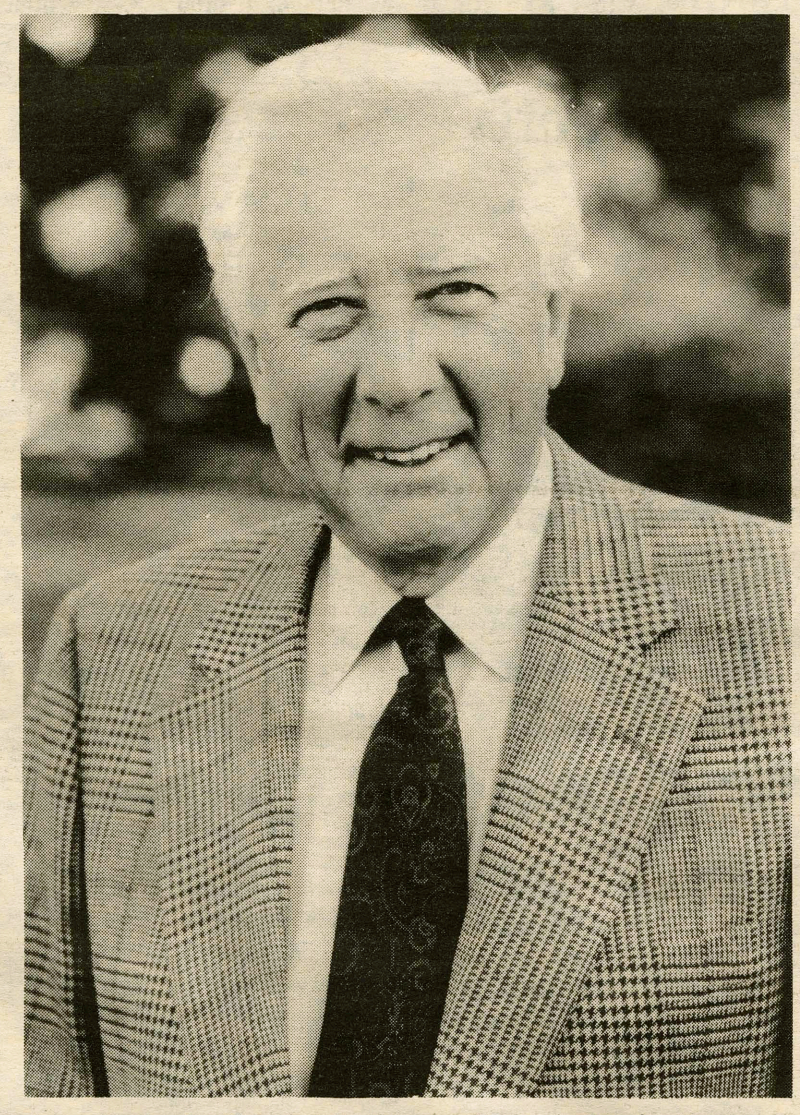
David McCullough, one of the most popular American biographers and authors of all time, will deliver this year's Commencement Address on Sunday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. Approximately 450 students will receive bachelor's degrees during the ceremony that marks the end of the college's 184th academic year.

McCullough, author of six widely acclaimed books, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, *Truman*, was born in Pittsburgh in 1933. In 1955, he graduated from Yale University with honors in English literature, and within a year began working in New York at *Sports Illustrated*. During the Kennedy Administration, McCullough served as an editor on a magazine published by the U.S. Information Agency, and later worked as an editor for American Heritage magazine.

McCullough published his first book, *The Johnstown Flood*, in 1968. His next book, *The Great Bridge*, a story of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge, was published in 1972 to thunderous critical applause. It also won several prizes, including a special citation for excellence from the Society of American Historians. *The Path Between the Seas*, an epic chronicle of the creation of the Panama Canal, was published in 1977 and received several awards including the National Book Award for history.

While researching and writing *The Path Between the Seas*, McCullough became deeply interested in Theodore Roosevelt, one of the key figures in the story. Out of that fascination came *Mornings on Horseback* in 1981, his biographical study of Roosevelt's childhood, adolescence and early manhood, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Subsequently, in 1992 he published *Brave Companions*, a book of essays on heroic figures past and present.

His monumental *Truman*, a work of 10 years, has been called a "masterpiece of American biography." An unprecedented national best-seller, the book has sold over a million copies to date. The recently released film *Truman*, starring Anthony Hopkins, was also based on McCullough's biography.



**Award winning biographer to speak at graduation.**

Since 1989, McCullough has hosted the PBS television show, *The American Experience*. Previously, he hosted *Smithsonian World* and narrated the Emmy Award winning documentary series, *The Civil War*, in 1990.

He is twice winner of the National Book Award and the prestigious Frances Parkman Prize. Most recently, McCullough was honored with the Charles Frankel Prize in a ceremony at the White House. President Clinton praised his "remarkable body of work" as well his efforts towards preservation of historic sites.

The president of the Society of American Historians and a founding member of Protect Historic America, McCullough's other awards include the Pennsylvania Govenor's Award for Excellence in the Humanities, the Harry S. Truman Award for Public Service and a Guggenheim fellowship. In November 1995, he was awarded the National Book Foundation's Distinguished Contribution to American Letters Award for his lifetime of work.

A gifted and popular speaker, he has lectured in all parts of the world, as well as at the White House as part of the White House Presidential Lecture Series. He is also one of the few private citizens ever invited to speak before a joint session of Congress, at the time of the bicentennial.

During the commencement ceremony, McCullough will receive an honorary degree from Hamilton College. He holds 17 other honorary degrees and has taught at Cornell University, Dartmouth College and the Wesleyan University Writers Conference.

Currently, McCullough is working on a book about Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. An avid traveler, reader and painter, he lives in West Tisbury, Mass., with his wife, Rosalee Barnes McCullough. They have five children and eight grandchildren,

Hot Music • Hot Prices

OVER 60,000 NEW & USED CD's, TAPES & LP's
MOST SPECIAL ORDERS - 2 DAYS

COUPON COUPON COUPON

$3.00 off any new or used non sale CD

1 coupon per customer H.C. 1 Expires 5/5/96

The Last Unicorn
1907 Genesee St.
(Great American Shopping Center)
Utica 724-0007
Hrs. M-Sat. 10-9 Sun. 11-5

## HAMILTON COLLEGE

### NEWS BRIEFS

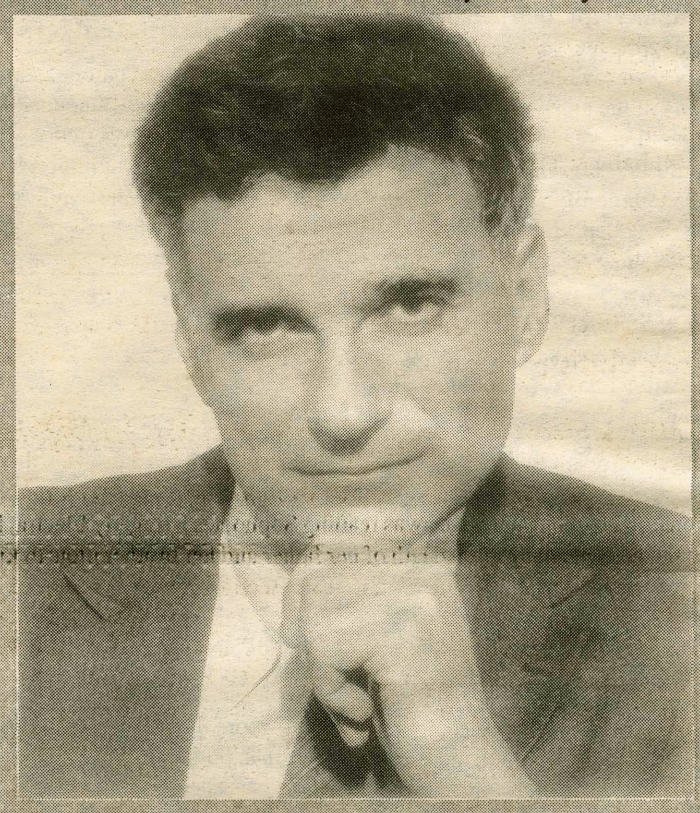
### Ralph Nader to give lecture

Ralph Nader, whom *Time* magazine named as one of the 100 most influential Americans of the Twentieth Century, will speak in the Chapel on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Nader's lecture, which is free and open to the public, is titled "Green Party Candidate for President."

Nader is best-known for his 1965 book, *Unsafe At Any Speed*, which rocked the automobile industry. The revelations in the book led to many federal and state laws establishing life-saving, health and safety standards in the consumer, environmental and workplace sectors. He also conducted his own investigation of the automobile industry- in particular General Motors- which led Congress to pass sweeping motor vehicle safety laws in 1966.

Over the years, Nader has formed various citizen groups, incuding the Center for Auto Safety; Public Citizen; Pension Rights Center and the Coalition for Universities in the Public Interest. He has also pioneered consumer education books that have become bestsellers, incuding *The Frugal Shopper, Winning the Insurance Game, Why Women Pay More* and *Getting the Best From Your Doctor.*

In the 1990's, Nader is seeking to mobilize citizens on behalf of what he calls the "new tools for a 21st century democracy."



**Nader is one of the most infuential men of the century.**

### Office of Student Activities seeks nominations

The office of Student Activities is sponsoring the Third Annual Student Involvement Recognition Banquet on Sunday, May 5th. As in the past, they are seeking nominations from students, faculty, administration, or staff to identify students who have positively contributed to the Hamilton College community during the past year. Students who are nominated will be formally recognized for their outstanding contributions at the Student Involvement Recognition Banquet. Your assistance in nominating a student will help us to ensure that those individuals who have made a positive impact in the community are duly recognized.

Nomination forms will be available beginning Monday, April 15th through Wednesday, April 24th (they are due Wednesday, April 24th by 5:00 p.m.). Forms will be available in the following areas: Bristol Campus Center, Dean of Students Office, Dean of Faculty Office, and the Residential Life Office.

### Activist to highlight Womyn's Energy Week

Angela Davis, internationally known for her ongoing work to combat forms of oppression in the U.S. and abroad, will highlight Womyn's Energy Week (April 15-20) with the keynote address on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Admission is free and open to the general public.

Davis has been active as a student, teacher, writer, scholar, and organizer for three decades. She came to national attention in 1969 after being removed from teaching in the philosophy department at UCLA because of her social activism and her membership in the Communist Party. In 1970, she was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List and was a subject of an intense police search that drove her underground. During her 16-month incarceration, a massive international "Free Angela Davis" campaign was organized, which led to her acquittal in 1972. Harnessing the momentum of that campaign, Davis and her colleagues co-founded the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, which continues its work today.

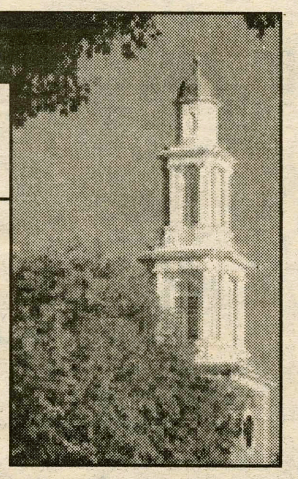
# News



## IVORY TOWERS

### THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY SCOTT KOCHER '97



### Colgate University plagued by tragedy, disaster, coincidental mishap

A first-year Colgate student and resident of Greenfield, Massachusetts died last Saturday morning of rare complications stemming from mononucleosis. According to the Director of Student Health Services, an unpredictable and untreatable secondary problem developed. The student, Aaron Franceschi-Green, was originally diagnosed with mono on March 29, but his condition quickly worsened. He is said to have developed a bacterial lung infection which spread rapidly in both lungs. He died several days later.

Also in Colgate news; the largest on-campus fire in recent university history gutted the first floor of an apartment on April 5 leaving five junior women homeless. The blaze allegedly began in a first-floor living room couch from a discarded cigarette. No one was home at the time. Though the fire did not spread upstairs, the smoke damage in the women's bedrooms was significant. Most of their belongings, including their TV, stereo, textbooks and computer were destroyed in the fire.

To add to the mayhem, fire fighters who had entered a neighboring room to assess damage from the fire discovered four small marijuana plants growing in a closet. The closet was opened by fire officials because it shared a wall with the destroyed apartment. The fire department notified Hamilton Police of the marijuana immediately and Sergeant Larry Butts confiscated the plants upon his arrival at the scene. The owner of the hallucinogenic herb will likely receive a modest fine from the state.

### Oxford University student commits suicide while contemplating Sophocles

An Oxford freshman killed himself in his favorite library last week while reading about death in the Greek Classics. He had surrounded himself with the works of Sophocles before taking a drug overdose and lying on a pile of cushions. His parents believe he was reading Sophocles's tragedy Electra, in which the heroine mourns the death of her father and her brother plots to kill their mother. His mother has decided to read Electra after her son's death to try to understand him.

The student, who worked as a very dedicated college librarian, had spent many months reclassifying the college library. "We believe Richard felt so happy at college he did not want to leave," his father said. "Even though he was a brilliant academic he may have been too sensitive to face the adult world." The student had taken an overdose of at least 39 Distalgesic painkilling tablets but did not leave a suicide note.

### Baylor University to hold first dance

Baylor University, the Baptist-related school in Waco, Texas that ended its ban on dancing in January, will hold its first official on-campus dance this evening. The "Miracle on Fifth Street," as the dance is now being called, has receive major national media attention unparalleled since the burning of the Branch Davidian compound three years ago. President Robert Sloan and his wife, Sue, will perform the first dance. Baptists traditionally have taught that dancing is a sin, but that message is heard far less often from ministers today.

Reporters from all major Texas newspapers and several television stations have expressed interest in covering the dance as well as such national sources as Newsweek, The New York Times and CNN. The Los Angeles Times wrote a feature entitled "Losing Their Religion," which described the conflicts between tradition and change at church-affiliated universities like Baylor. "It is going to be embarrassing to see it all over the country," said a Carterville, Ill. junior. "I'm afraid the national media are going to use it to make fun of us." There will even be international representatives, including the London Times, the French Associated Press and the Australian Broadcasting Company.

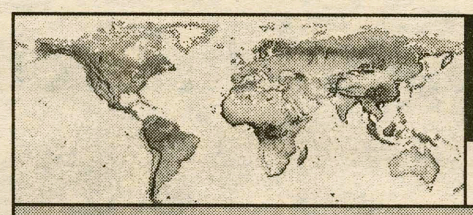
### Update to Hunger strike at Columbia

Last week a hunger strike at Columbia University in an effort to start an Ethnic Studies Department at the college. The arrest of 22 students on Wednesday morning, and t campus police state lock-down that ensued rallied students to their cause. They were abled to get almost 500 hundred students out for a teach-in that evening.

Everyone has been released from jail at thic point. The University's discipline has begun. New York Police Department is on campus, accompanying security guards as they serve students with their papers. All access to campus is restricted to students.

There was a peaceful sit-in that led to negotiations. The administration is discussing the issue with a committee of students and administrators, with two faculty mediators.

The hunger strike continues unlike what was printed last week.. The administration has not yet given anything.



## WORLD NEWS

COMPILED BY MATT WINTERROTH '99

### Cuba marks Bay of Pigs anniversary

Cuba marked the 35th anniversary of the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, saying it was determined to stick to a communist system in the face of U.S. pressure. The invasion, a turning point in U.S.-Cuban relations, was a fiasco for then-President John F.Kennedy and left a lasting bitterness for the Cuban exile community. At least 161 Cubans and 107 exiles died in the battle and more than 1,000 exiles were taken prisoner. The exiles said Washington had abandoned them by not providing promised air support.

### Russia building underground military complex

In a secret project that may have roots deep in the Cold War, Russia is building a mammoth, underground military complex in the Ural Mountains, *The New York Times* reports Tuesday. The project, observed by U.S. spy satellites, involves a huge complex served by a railroad, a highway and thousands of workers, the *Times* reports. U.S. specialists speculate that it may be anything from an underground nuclear command post to a secret weapons production plant, the report says. The Russian Defense Ministry refused to discuss the project.

### Kidnapped tourists released in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - Khmer Rouge guerrillas Wednesday released more than 20 tourists kidnapped Tuesday near a scenic waterfall in southwestern Cambodia. Because of the remoteness of the area few details were available, including exactly how many tourists there and whether any of them were foreigners. At least one tourist was killed and several wounded during their abduction by the guerrillas.

### Libya to boycott Western companies

TRIPOLI, Libya - Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi announced his country's intentions Wednesday to stop doing business with companies based in the West, saying politics is interfering with their performance. Instead Libya will look to the East for weapons and other machinery, he said, noting Libya's plans to buy 25 passenger planes and build a 600-mile railroad.

"We will buy them from India, China, Russia and Japan because every time there is a political dispute with the Western countries, their companies stop sending spare parts," Gadhafi said.

Many Western companies, including some U.S. ones, are still doing business with Libya, especially in the oil industry.

The Libyan leader made his comments at a news conference following a national commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the U.S. bombing of the capital Tripoli and port city of Benghazi.

Gadhafi, 54, also repeated his denial of U.S. allegations that Libya is building a chemical weapons factory beneath a mountain at Tarhunah, 40 miles southeast of Tripoli.

Gadhafi insisted that the tunnels under construction at Tarhunah are part of a project to bring water from desert aquifers to the northern coastal cities.

Libya has been under U.N. sanctions limiting diplomatic contacts, banning weapons sales and preventing international flights since April 15, 1992. The sanctions were expanded in 1994 to include a freeze on some foreign assets and a ban on the sale of oil equipment.

The sanctions were imposed to try to force Gadhafi to surrender two Libyans wanted in connection with the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am passenger jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

### Summit addresses threat of nuclear terrorism

MOSCOW - Leaders of the world's seven richest nations and Russia will meet Friday and Saturday in Moscow to discuss prevention of nuclear terrorism. Scientists in the United States say nuclear smuggling is an increasingly alarming threat, especially in Russia and other former Soviet republics. A U.S. report says an estimated 1,400 tons of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium produced by the former Soviet Union are "highly attractive to theft" due to lax security and poor record-keeping.

### Stronger stance against North Korea urged

SINGAPORE - Former Secretary of State James Baker Wednesday said the U.S. should take a tough line against North Korea to prevent the communist nation from expanding its nuclear program. "They're very flaky," Baker warned. "Nobody knows what they're likely to do." The North Korean government has been increasingly erratic, launching unexplained excursions into the demilitarized zone along its border with South Korea.

## NATIONAL NEWS

COMPILED BY MATT WINTERROTH '99

### Marines punished for refusing DNA samples

Two Marines were sentenced Tuesday to seven-days restriction and given a written reprimand for disobeying an order to give blood samples for a DNA registry. A military judge at the Marine base at Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii rejected the defense of John Mayfield, 21, and Joseph Vlacovsky, 25. They say the order is unconstitutional because the "genetic dogtags" could be used against them in the future. "Regardless of the punishment, we kept our DNA," said Mayfield. They could have been jailed for six months and dishonorably discharged. The military wants the DNA registry to identify servicemen's remains. The Pentagon says it will strictly limit access and allow personnel to have their samples destroyed when they leave the service.

### Freeman in Kansas with alleged bomb arrested

TOPEKA, Kan. - A man identified by the FBI as a member of the anti-government Freemen group was arrested Tuesday. Scott P. Roeder, 38, is being held on charges of criminal use of explosives, driving on a suspended license, and failure to carry registration and insurance. Roeder was stopped because his car didn't have a legitimate license plate. In Roeder's car, they found ammunition, a blasting cap, a fuse cord, a 1-pound can of gunpowder and two nine-volt batteries, one wired to a switch.

### 6-year-old boy burns home a second time

LUTZ, Fla. - Authorities said 6-year-old Mikey Sproul set his house on fire Tuesday for the second time in three years. No one was hurt. The boy first attracted attention at age 3, when he took the family car for a half-mile joyride, proclaiming, "I go zoom!" A month later he set fire to curtains, destroying the family home and seriously injuring his father. "This is an extremely active child," said Elaine Fulton-Jones of the state Health and Rehabilitative Services Department, which has been supervising Mikey since the first fire.

### Women terrorized into fatal jump

DETROIT - A 6-foot-1, 290-pound man irate over a fender-bender viciously beat the 4-foot-11, 115-pound woman whose car he bumped and terrorized her into making a fatal jump into the Detroit River, a prosecutor said Tuesday. Martell Welch Jr.'s lawyer admitted his client was wrong to attack Deletha Word, but said he didn't cause her death. The drug PCP found in Word's body explained her jump, the lawyer said as the murder trial got under way.

# Fraternities' housing lawsuit rejected by federal judge

*continued from* ***Suit*** *on page 1*

"Though the College has never lost a lawsuit in its history, we have several options at our disposal and remain confident that some of the asinine Res Life policies will be reversed, "said Sigma Phi president Ben Mintz '98. "We won't let this issue die slowly."

***Societies v. Hamilton College***

The plaintiffs alleged that the student housing policy implemented last March unlawfully monopolized residential services and relied on *United States v. Brown Univ.* as "the most relevant legal authority on whether non-profit colleges are engaged in trade or commerce under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act."

At the heart of the argument is that the fraternities' contention that the defendants created a monopoly for their financial benefit because residential services are discrete and dispositive and therefore "plainly commercial" transactions in which students pay for food and shelter.

In a sixteen page memorandum, Judge Pooler dismissed the complaint "because Hamilton's residential policy is neither trade nor commerce and lacks a substantial state nexus."

Contrary to what the societies' attorneys had claimed, Pooler stated that "Hamilton is in the business of providing education to students who apply for admission, receive an invitation to attend, accept Hamilton's offer, and fulfill the degree requirements Hamilton imposes."

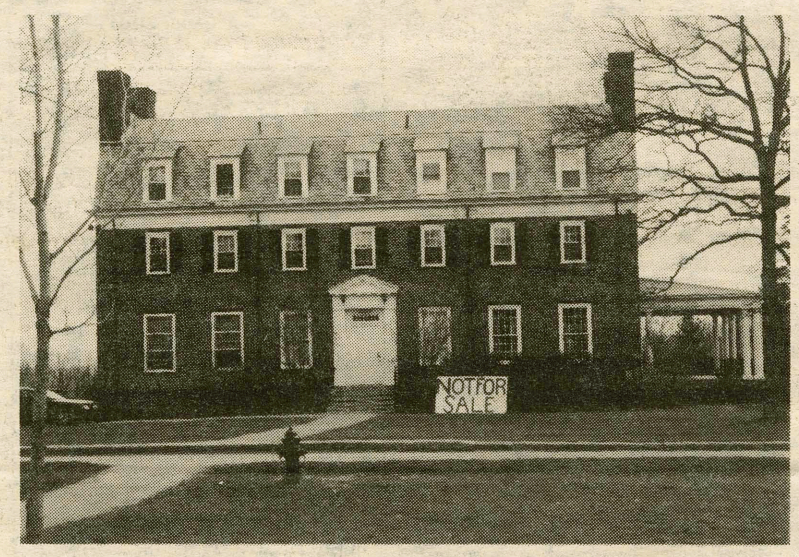



PHOTO BY DAVID H. TOWNSEND '96

**Despite lawsuit loss, AD still not selling.**

"The ruling, in effect, says that residential life decisions are an integral part of a college's educational mission, not trade or commerce, and therefore are not subject to anti-trust scrutiny," said Director of Communications Mike Debraggio.

"We're disappointed," said Mark Richardson, president of the board of trustees for Alpha Delta Phi, which has spent more than $70,000 battling the Res Life plan. "But we intend to keep fighting. We will talk to our lawyers because there is a way to appeal. We feel what the school has done is wrong and not an improvement to college life."

Tobin would not disclose the legal costs incurred by the suit - estimates are in the hundreds of thousands for both sides - but did mention that Hamilton alumnus, David Lascell '63 of Rochester, was lead council for the defense.

Another alum, Frank O'Brien of Psi Upsilon, came out of retirement to offer his services free of charge to the plaintiffs.

The College made offers to purchase the six houses that about 140 fraternity members lived in, but only one - Delta Upsilon - decided to sell in January. But the fraternities that filed the lawsuit argued that the offers were way below the houses' real values. Delta Kappa Epsilon has extended its lease to the school of the top three floors of its house for another year.

Tobin stated that the offers still stand and claims that his administration's policy is not a "land-grab."

**Other tactics**

In retaliation, some students and alumni said they plan to fight the College where it hurts the most - in the pocketbook.

"I feel so strongly against the policy that the last couple of years I have been supporting my fraternity instead of my college," Richardson said. "We keep getting these letters in the mail saying we want your money, but we don't want your opinion."

Tobin said the College has indeed already witnessed a drop of several percentage points in the number of alumni donors. But the total alumni dollars raised so far is consistent with the amount raised last year at this time.

"We take no joy or pleasure in the pain it has caused some members of our community," Tobin said. "We believe that with time and healing, the majority will understand that it's the college that gives them identity, not being part of fraternities."

**HOW TO KEEP PEOPLE'S HANDS OFF YOUR MONEY.**

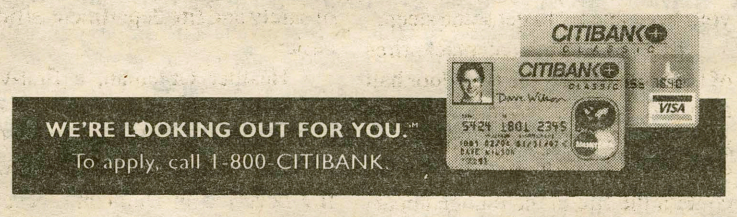
**Carry only enough cash to last the day.**
Anyone who tries to borrow your last five spot isn't a friend, anyway.

**Label your spare-change jar "beetle farm."**
Then, put your beetle farm in a jar labeled "spare change."

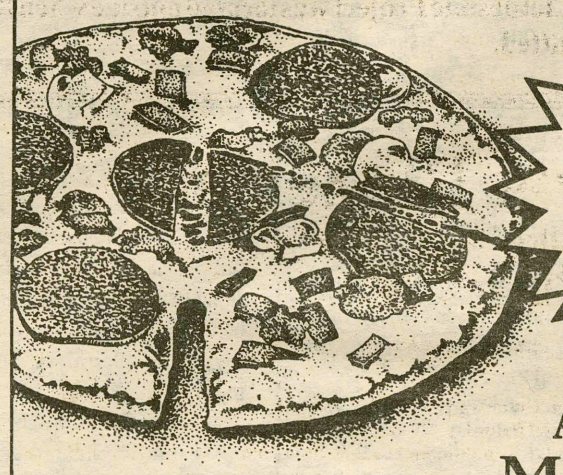
**Mark up every space on checks.**
Don't leave room for someone to fill in their name and extra zeros.

**Keep your wallet in your front pocket.**
It discourages pickpockets. So does wearing really tight pants.

**Put your picture on your credit card.**
A Citibank Photocard is tough for anyone else to use, unless they look just like you.




ROMA PIZZERIA

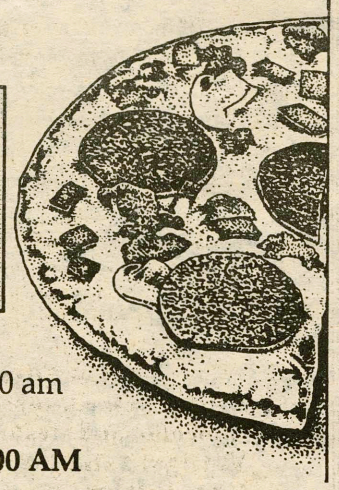


Hamilton College's #1 Pizzeria

As Always, We Will MEET or BEAT Our Competitors' Specials.

Don't Settle For 2nd Best. Call The KING OF THE HILL!

853-ROMA
(7662)
*If Busy 853-3931*



HOURS:
Mon.-Wed. 11-2:00 am; Thurs.-Sat. 11-3:00 am
Sun. 4:00 pm-1:00 am
NOW DELIVERING SAT. NOON TO 3:00 AM

*Summer Employment*

Ancillary Medical Personnel

There are 3 full-time Ancillary Medical Personnel positions available on campus for summer programs. The positions are for qualified candidates from June 24 - August 2, 1996. Shifts will be Monday - Friday, 11 pm - 7 am and Saturday and Sunday, 24 hours. These positions will be paid $6.50 per hour and will include housing plus a weekly food allowance of $25.00 toward a board plan. Those applying must have the ability to use first aid and follow protocols outlined for Summer Medical Staff. If interested, contact:

Angie Bottini
Assistant Director, Auxiliary and Contract Services
x4372

# Reactions to prospective protest mixed

*continued from ISC on page 1*

people who put together the open house."

Mark du Plessis, Assistant Dean of Admission, felt the ISC members were confrontational at both events and felt the protests could have been done "in a much more constructive manner."

Lindsey Pizzica '97, President of Phi Beta Chi, disagreed with du Plessis's statement. "We were not at all confrontational. At the Chapel we politely handed out flyers. At the dinner we didn't speak unless spoken to and we left as soon as we were asked."

Although not in attendance at any of the events, Beverly Low, Director of Student Activities, said she heard from others that "the group conducted themselves very maturely and professionally at the Chapel." After hearing news that the ISC members were discourteous to College officials, Low said, "the incident at the dinner in Bundy was inappropriate."

"Indeed, everyone has the right to free speech and I feel the school encourages it, but to exercise that right in this manner was inappropriate," said du Plessis.

Other actions taken by society members during the Accepted Student's Open House included distributing flyers on dining hall tables and hanging banners from dormitories with slogans referring to student unhappiness. Several members of societies allege that the administration removed flyers from Dining Hall tables. Banners hung from The Farmhouse were taken down by Residential Life.

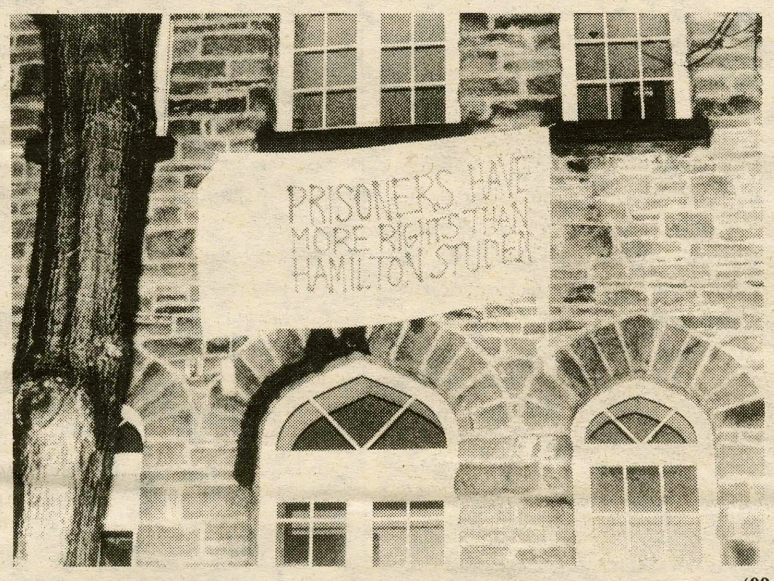



PHOTO BY RITU MONGU '99

**A strongly-worded protest outside of Carnegie dormitory.**

There are serious disputes about the Residential Life Decision among many Hamilton Community members. Even among members of the ISC there is not total agreement as to how to deal with many of the new College regulations. While Gammill says the majority of the Council supported the actions during the open house, not every member felt the open house activities were productive.

"It was a terrible idea," said Jessica Shalom '96. "Nobody wins if prospective students don't come here. It's counter productive. It shows we have our own agenda and that we are not concerned with the well-being of the school."

In response to similar feelings by several community members, Mintz said, "We are providing the prospective students with pertinent information that the school refuses to provide."

# Arson in Dunham cause for alarm

*continued from Fires on page 1*

however, exceptions were made.

Several students mentioned that they never heard or saw the self-appointed Fire Marshals, students with the express duty of waking and evacuating residents in the even of an alarm, making their rounds. One even speculated that the Marshals had accepted the same attitude of many other residents, "pull the pillow over your head and try to get some sleep."

Due to the trash receptacle fires of the night before, the first floor hall also did not possess a fire extinguisher. The extinguisher which one student, Claire Gallagher '99, used to contain the fire in the lounge apparently was removed from another floor.

According to other students, the doors which open from the lounge to the Dunham courtyard, marked on the requisite fire exit schematics of many first floor rooms as emergency doors, were locked until shortly before Clinton Fire Department responded to the scene. Fire exits are by law required to be open and unobstructed, in order to insure the safety of residents, as well as make the job of safety and fire department officers easier.

Heather Obleman, a first-year living in Dunham, reported that one of the firemen told her to call the Fire Department directly the next time a fire occurred in Dunham, "because there is no reason it should have taken that long."

Security questioned residents that evening about the vandalism of the fire alarm. Students living in Dunham believe the fire may have been set intentionally.

Kate Flynn '97, who lives in Dunham, felt the fires were the result of immature "first-year" antics.

# Davis gives keynote address for week in chapel tonight

*continued from **Womyn** on page 1*

and theses were presented to the public. The papers ranged in topics from Women, race, class, gender, sexuality, identity and nationalism. In addition, a film describing the life and work of Audre Lorde was shown on Thursday.

The highlight of the week-long events will be the Womyn's Energy 1996 Keynote Speaker, Angela Davis. She will be speaking on Friday evening at 7:30 in the Chapel. A community reception is set to follow shortly after in the Emerson Gallery.

When asked if she was excited about the Davis lecture, Hildebrand replied, "No not really...OF COURSE I'm excited! Angela Davis is an amazing, outspoken woman. I really hope that people come early as it is going to be really crowded. I've talked to both professors and students and everyone seems really psyched about the fact that she is coming to campus."

In addition to the week's activities, the Womyn's Center has been selling T-shirts all week in Beinicke. The T-shirts are printed with a quote of a lyric from a Sweet Honey in the Rock song.

'Would you harbor a Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, a heretic, convict or spy? Would you harbor a runaway woman or child, a poet, a prophet, a king? Would you harbor an exile or a refugee, a person living with AIDS? Would you harbor a Tubman, a Garrett, a Truth, a fugitive or a slave? Would you harbor a Haitian, Korean, or Czech, a lesbian or a gay? Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?'

When asked about the quote, Hildebrand noted that it was chosen as it is an amazing quote that is all inclusive. "The fact that Sweet Honey in the Rock came to campus in the past months makes it all the more appropriate."

Judging by the amount of events and the excellent turnout by the community, this year's Womyn's Energy Week was a huge success. One first-year summed up the general mood of everyone involved, "This week has really been great. All the events have left me feeling empowered and energized. I can't wait till next year."

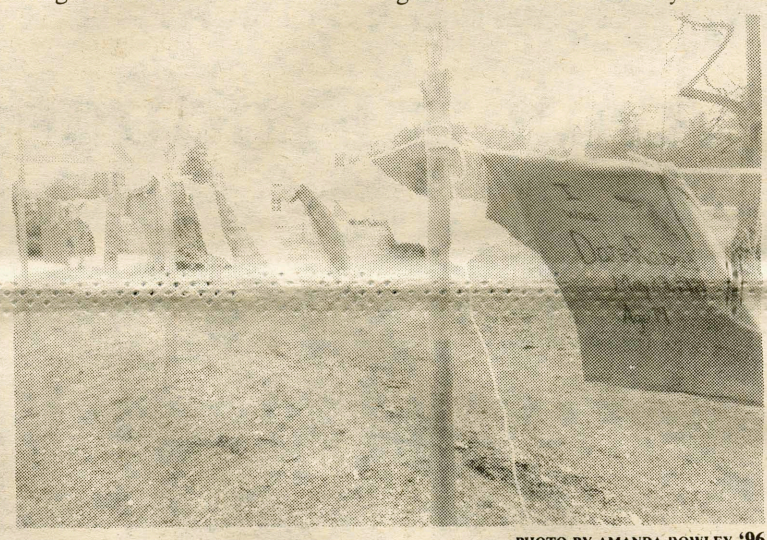


PHOTO BY AMANDA ROWLEY '96

**The Clothesline Project was located outside when the weather permitted.**

Explore

**Europe from FRANKLIN COLLEGE Switzerland**

***Located in Lugano, Switzerland***
In the heart of Europe, Franklin offers the perfect study abroad opportunity.

- ***Study is available in the following areas:*** Business, Communications, Economics, French, German, International Relations, Italian, Literature and the Arts and Sciences.
- ***U.S. accredited*** with course work conducted in English
- ***Two-week academic travel*** each semester to destination in Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- ***On-campus accomodations*** guaranteed in College apartments.
- ***Semesters begin:*** Fall – August 26, 1996 and Spring – January 14, 1997
- ***Two Summer Sessions:*** May 20–June 20, 1996 and June 24 – July 24, 1996

*For further information, please contact our U.S. Admissions Office:*

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE Switzerland**

**135 East 65th Street New York, NY 10021**

**Tel: (212) 772-2090 Fax: (212) 772-2718**

**Home page: http.//www.fc.edu**

**Tony's Pizzeria**

**41 College Street, Clinton**

**853-4310**

*"The original # 1."*

Hours: Monday thru Thursday and Sunday - 10 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Friday and Saturday - 10 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Delivery: Monday thru Sunday 11 a.m - 10:30 p.m.
$1.50 delivery charge - specify location and give phone number
$7 minimum delivery charge

PIZZA & WING SPECIAL
EVERYDAY
1 large pizza and 50 wings
ONLY $15, including tax

**PIZZA**

all prices include tax

| | |
|---|---|
| Large Cheese 16"..... $7.06 | Small Cheese 12"..... $4.89 |
| 1 Item..... $8.08 | 1 Item..... $5.40 |
| 2 Items..... $9.18 | 2 Items..... $5.94 |
| 3 Items..... $10.26 | 3 Items..... $6.48 |

**Toppings include:** sausage, mushrooms, pepper, pepperoni, onions, hot peppers, ham, black and green olives, broccoli, and anchovies.
* Garlic and tomato pie pizzas also available

**Be sure to also ask about our:**
**Subs:** Salami, roast beef, turkey, ham, tuna, chicken parm, capicollo, and steak.
**Wings:** Extra hot, hot, medium, mild, BBQ, and garlic
**Specialties:** Stuffed shells, calzones, antipasto salads, ziti, lasagna, stuffed shells

# Clinton's trip to Asia garners pacts and progress

By Matthew Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a brief tour of the Western Pacific and Asia, President Bill Clinton promised a continued role for the United States in that region. An extension of the current U.S.-Japan security pact as well as an address of the Japanese parliment or Diet were also important parts of the tour as well.

The first leg of the trip took the President and First Lady to Korea. U.S. Clintonand South Korean President Kim Young-Sam held a press conference Tuesday to announce a proposal for peace talks involving the two Koreas. The United States and China would also participate in the talks.

"Today we have agreed to convene without any preconditions and as soon as possible...a full party meetingin which the two Koreas...and the U.S. and China...would participate," Kim said at the joint news conference. President Clinton strongly rejected North Korean demands that the U.S. hold separate talks with North Korea.

In Japan, the focus was again on security in the Asia-Pacific region as Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto signed a joint security pact last Wednesday in which, Japan commited itself to considering a military role outside its borders. The documents outlined a continuing importance of U.S. troops in the region, and covered the financial support, an estimated $25 billion over the next five years, for the soldiers stationed on Japanese soil. "The relationship between the United States and Japan is better and stronger than ever," Clinton said at a news conference with Hashimoto.

Trade issues were also of major importance, and Clinton continued to apply pressure to the Japanese to open more of their markets to U.S. products. Emphasizing the trouble U.S. automakers have had penetrating the Japanese market place Clinton visited a Chrysler dealership. Clinton said there had been concerns that the United States was "a little bit behind" in establishing dealerships in Japan. At one point in the visit, the president checked under the hood of a car while first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton took the wheel.

Also Thursday, the president addressed Japan's parliament, becoming only the second U.S. president ever to do so. Ronald Reagan was the first in 1983.

The President also made a point of public apologizing for the rape of the Okinawan girl by two U.S. servicemen. "Our hearts go out to her, to her family and her loved ones and to the entire Okinawan community. We are gratified that justice has been done," Clinton said.

Japanese lawmakers warmly welcomed Clinton and applauded heartily after he finished the speech, which highlighted economic and security issues.

Okinawa Gov. Masahide Ota was so moved by Clinton's words to the Japanese Diet that he invited the president to visit the island on his next trip to the region.

From there Clinton is off to Russia for a short trip. There economic issues as well as the upcoming elections in that country will be the paramount issues. The President, who has publicly supported Boris Yeltsin for re-election, and the visit may be focus on the continuing reform both economically and politically in that nation.

panorama:
life on the hill
HAMILTON ON TV!

This week:
Housing Lottery losers
Secretaries' Day
"Politics on Campus"
Part Two

Tuesday • 8:30
Channel 3

Arnie's Produce
and
Kraigs Kegs
Beverages

Rt. 5 Sherrill 363-5680

Winter Hours Mon - Sat 9-6
closed Sundays

OVER 100 KEGS IN STOCK

LARGE FOREIGN
AND
MICRO BREW SECTION

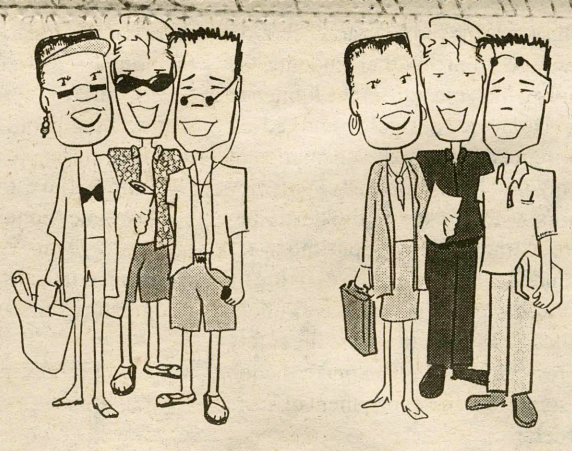
Yuengling, Sierra Nevada
Thomas Hardy's, Whitbread, Pete's
Chimay, Duvel, Harpoons
and many more...

Jan. - Feb. special,

Sam Smiths 18.7oz $2.99
Oatmeal Stout, Pale Ale, Nut Brown,
Taddy Porter
St. Pauli $4.99 6pk

JUST IN...Saranac Chocolate Amber

live learn the perfect summertime attitude



learn Don't just hit the beach, hit the books this summer and get a head start on your next semester. Enroll in one or both of Pace University's summer sessions. Courses are available in a wide variety of areas. From Business to Computer Science & Information Systems to Arts & Sciences, Nursing and Education. And six-week sessions allow for plenty of summertime living.

live Summer session students enrolled in at least 6 credits may live on either the New York City or Westchester campuses for only $64 a week. Amazing when you consider all you'll be close to...the South Street Seaport, Greenwich Village, Little Italy, Chinatown and Central Park. Not the city type? Then consider our Pleasantville campus, where you'll find swimming, jogging and tennis facilities.

register Don't procrastinate! Spaces are filling up quickly. Register today in order to make the most of your summer. For more information, call 914•773-3700, Extension 9333 or e-mail infoctr@ny027.wan.pace.edu

SUMMER SESSION 1 BEGINS JUNE 3, 1996 • SUMMER SESSION 2 BEGINS JULY 15, 1996

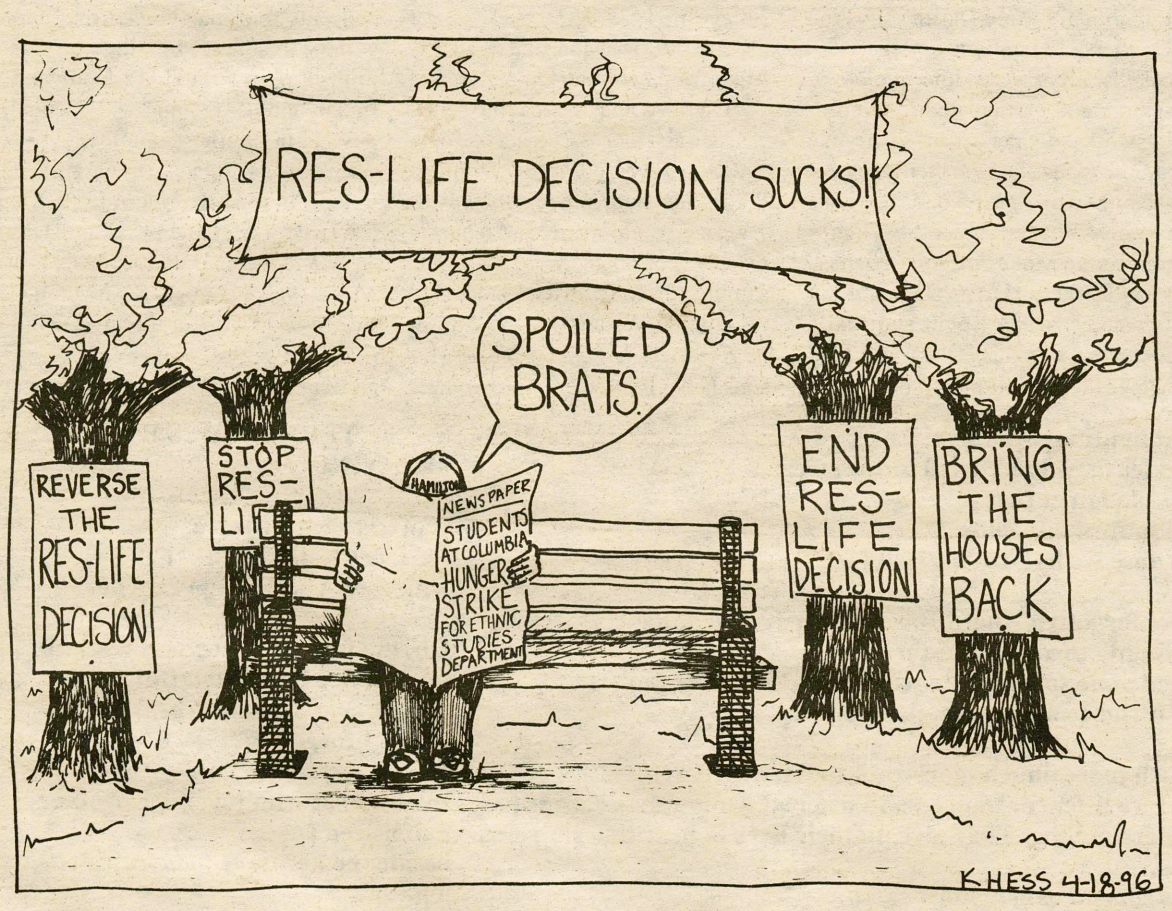
❑ Please send me a Pace summer class schedule

Name: _____ SS#: _____
College currently attending: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
College Address: _____ City/state/zip: _____
Home Address: _____ City/state/zip: _____
College phone: _____ Home phone: _____
❑ I'm interested in living on campus.
Please send schedule to: ❑ College address ❑ Home address
Mail coupon to: Pace University, Admission Information Center, 1 Pace Plaza, New York, NY 10038
Or facsimile to 212-346-1821

PACE UNIVERSITY summer•session
AA9333

# Security • Cartoons





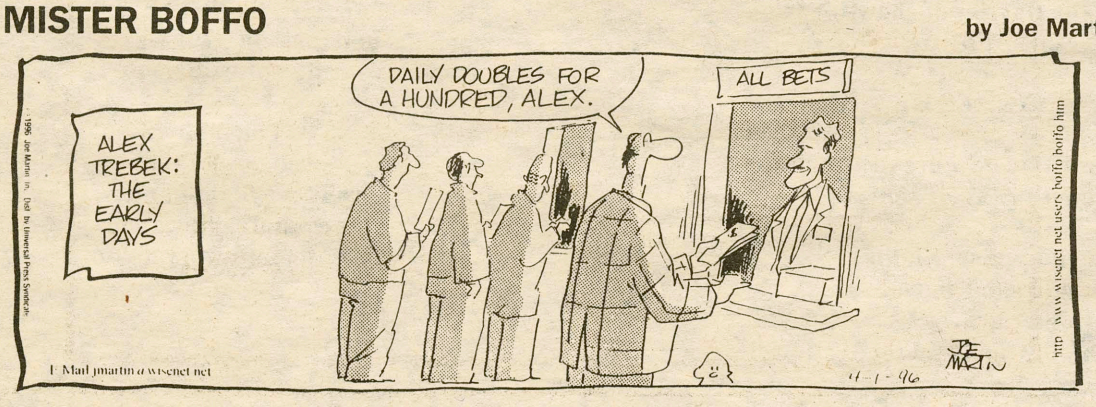

SLEEP IS IMPORTANT. BUT WHEN THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU IS NOT ONLY SNORING, BUT DROOLING AND KICKING AS WELL, A PEACEFUL NIGHT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. OTHER SNORE CONTROL ATTEMPTS, LIKE THOSE SILLY NOSE STICKERS AND FRIGHTENING ELECTRIC IMPULSE WATCHES, WORK - BUT ONLY BY MAKING THE SNORER SO UNCOMFORTABLE THAT HE CAN'T FALL ASLEEP. SOLVE THE PROBLEM THE RIGHT WAY WITH THE.....

## SNORFREEZ 30™

SIMPLY WAIT FOR YOUR PARTNER TO FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP, ENABLING HIM/HER TO BE UNCONSCIOUS FOR THE PROCEDURE.
MODERN SOLUTION TO AN AGE-OLD PROBLEM.
"I WAS SCARRED AT FIRST. BUT REALLY THE HARD PART IS ONLY THOSE FEW MOMENTS BEFORE YOUR JUGULAR IS CUT. THEN YOU'RE ALL SET! THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY MARRIAGE!" -T.G. PITTSBURGH, PA.
EASY TO USE BUTTONS MAKE ADJUSTMENTS FOR COMFORT A SNAP!
SNORER STILL IN DEEP, COMOTOSE LIKE SLEEP.
THE ICESTIC™ KEEPS THE HEAD STEADY
USING A DOUBLE BLADED SAW, DECAPITATE YOUR SLEEPING PARTNER JUST BELOW THE ADAM'S APPLE. WITHOUT A HEAD TO BREATHE THROUGH, THE SNORER WILL UTTER NOT A PEEP THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.
A QUICK SEW IN THE A.M.....
.....AND YOU'RE OFF TO START THE DAY FRESHER AND MORE ALERT! • A SHARPER IMAGE DESIGN EXCLUSIVE.
■ SNORFREEZ 30™ $12,983.98
IT'S AS EASY AS A MICROWAVE! SIMPLY PLACE THE HEAD IN THE LEAK-PROOF SNORFREEZ 30, PRESS THE D.F.T. (DESIRED FREEZE TIME), AND ITS SLEEPING STATE IS PRESERVED ALL NIGHT.
M. BRAND '96

## MISTER BOFFO

by Joe Martin




## SECURITY BLOTTER

*- compiled by Alden Barlow '98*

**Tuesday April 9**
6:05 p.m. : Hamilton Security received a report of a person trespassing in a fraternity house.
9:30 p.m. : A report of an unauthorized party at a fraternity house was called in to security.

**Wednesday April 10**
10:10 a.m. : A fire alarm caused by a power outage at Physical Plant was reported.
11:05 a..m. : Hamilton Security responded to a call of larceny from Beinecke Village.
1:45 p.m. : Security answered a call about a motor vehicle violation.
5:20 p.m. : An intrusion alarm set off in the Emerson Gallery in C.A. Johnson notified security to respond to the scene.
10:00 p.m. : A medical emergency was called in to security.

**Friday April 12**
4:38 p.m. : A fire in Dunham was reported. The fire department was called and the fire was extinguished.
8:45 p.m. : Hamilton Security received a report of criminal mischief.

**Saturday April 13**
3:00 a.m. : A report of criminal mischief was received by security.
3:30 a.m. : Security answered a call about a trash can fire in Dunham.
4:01 a.m. : A noise complaint was reported.
10:00 a.m. : Security received a report of vandalism in Root Extension parking lot.
9:10 p.m. : Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency call.
9:58 p.m. : A call concerning a vandalism incident in Dunham was reported to security.

**Monday April 15**
12:56 a.m. : Hamilton Security received a another report of vandalism.
1:14 a.m. : A medical emergency was called in to security.
5:15 p.m. : Security responded to a medical emergency call.
5:41 p.m. : A fire alarm at the Psi Upsilon house was reported.

**Tuesday April 16**
4:45 a.m. : An incident of vandalism in C.J. was called in to Hamilton Security.
7:30 p.m. : A resident in Dunham reported a case of larceny.

Make a 10,000 foot
**SKYDIVE**
**FINGERLAKES SKYDIVERS**
Information and Reservations
**(607) 869-5601**

# Intercollegiate Reading Series unites students from five schools

By Marie L. Follayttar '98
FEATURES EDITOR

On Saturday April 13 Hamilton hosted the Ninth Annual Intercollegiate Reading Series. In honor of National Poetry Month students from the five colleges involved as well as the guest reader Jo Pitkin read from their collections of poetry. Students who participated were all interested in pursuing careers in writing. Participants were either English, English Literature or Creative Writing majors. The event was sponsored by the Hamilton College English Department and organized primarily by Professor Lucy Ferriss of the Creative Writing Department, a subsidiary of the English Department.

The participants were Remy Holzer and Adam Kirsch of Harvard University, Radha Marcum and Jennifer Laskey of Bennington College, Joshua Green and Laurel Allen of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Matt Zarnowiecki and Barbara Yien of Cornell University and James Piiparinen, Jeffrey Darling and Ann Crothers of Hamilton College.

Readers were either juniors or seniors and participated in a morning workshop, read at an Open Mike at Cafe Opus and read their poetry at the 5:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. sessions. Creative Writing students of Hamilton; Burke McFerrin, John Grenier, Lisa Horner, Harris Dague, Matt Bendle, Amanda Kogut and Marie Follayttar, introduced the readers and helped the sessions run smoothly. JO Pitkin who graduated from Kirkland College in 1978 came back on the hill for the occasion and read excerpts from her poetry.

On the whole the reading series was seen as a success, however, some students expected more from Jo Pitkin. The student poets, however, were seen as promising and requests for copies of poems were high. The Hamilton readers will read once again this coming Wednesday the 24th in the Events Barn at 7:30. These students James Piiparinen, Ann Crothers and Jeffrey Darling are all senior concentrators graduating in may and will be reading from their senior projects. Ann writes both poetry and fiction and her reading will encompass both of these genres. After graduations she plans to travel around Ireland and Great Britain. Jeffrey is primarily a poet and plans to teach, write and have a family. James is a poet as well and might attend graduate school or work in the advertising field. The poems below were read by participants.

*The Cold War by Ann Crothers*

**In the usual place at the usual time,
they sit on the couch. But tonight
his hand gleams wildly on her shoulder
and her face hides in his side.
Yes, I stopped too suddenly,
but I hid my grimace (not well,
possibly) and retained a semblance
of unshouldered pride.
The detente holds silent,
not threatened or denied, just
piqued by the sight of the blonde man
sitting by the Russian girl's side.**

*Beneath the door by James Piiparinen*

**I hate lying on my bed listening to the wind
while the clouds move steel grey
across my computer screen.
A winsome glow against the heat of darkness
her voice slides up along the bed
a memory pale beneath the light,**

**and static pops off lightly
little glimpses of dreams in and out of bed.
The feel of hands brushing her hair like wind
she remembers nothing of the screens
dark and thick they drag thoughts through darkness
as eyes open and cast around in grey.**

**And search for what? Not electronic grey?
Her hands pulling lockets through light
and hair that thrusts over the bed
long and thin each strand falls down in screens
the place she won't remember as she unwinds
her dreams and hair through a combed darkness.**

**Her light beneath the door gleams, memories in darkness
a piece of dust that drops through this screen
and floats past digital eyelashes long and grey.
My hands, these sifting tendrils of light,
curl around that particle of dust winding
as she sighs memories onto the bed.**

**And am I lost, nothing more than light embedded
in an artificial sky that closes over me in darkness,
while she around my body so light
pushes past her electric murmur, this grey
that lies faceless in computer screens.
Maybe she does hear tears in wind,**

**my hands curled over a keyboard wound
stiff and numb, as I sift aimlessly over this screen
and wander through these hairs, hands, and breathes of darkness.
The sky now almost grey
my own eyes tremble under the call of bed
a return to her hands warm in electronic light.**

*As Storms Do by Jeffrey Darling*

**"Datta. Dayadhvam. Damyata."**

**I.
We used to go out into the street during thunderstorms
When lightning burst, and rain blinded
We would walk in water
Walking (more like marching) through the puddles of Virginia Lane
Wishing that it last forever, this rain, this water.**

**The beat like the feet of a marching band
As it falls and it falls on the dry cracked land.**

**our parents would tell us
that lightning would strike us
and leave us there fried in the street
we'd laugh at that joke
the folly of our folds
because we had rubberized feet**

**(I've forgotten what I was supposed to be doing.)
Skipping through the storm.
I had gone so long being afraid.
(Is it right now for me, dancing with it?)**

**Much more, much more-rain spoke with earth
and we listened. Danced and listened. Only worms attest to understanding. They give up their lives to hear this conversation,
this song of rain against earth.**

**The worms crawl in, the worms crawl out,
the worms play pinochle on our snout.**

**They will tell us when it is our time-
what rain says to earth
lightning and thunder-
The storm, for now, I will dance with it.
II.
The leaves would cluster on puddles as if they felt
The need to cover, to retain their warmth.
Thinking perhaps, it was their job
To keep things safe and protected
Through this storm, this wind.
Taking a walk home-walking on water.**

**Have you ever danced with the devil
In the dark yellow wind of an autumn rain?
Have you ever heard the treble
of fall leaves as they dance down Virginia Lane?**

**Sodden leaves lie
irresolute. Their soaking shrouds
leaving life behind-
limp, incurable heart.**

**A cruel wind begins to blow
the falling of leaves and coming of snow**

**I left my mother's lap in rainy autumn
and walked outside into a shower of days.
How do I, once her fiery green son,
find my way back through this ghostly haze?**

**(I have been gone for so long)
I walked through that rain and wind
clutching my father's hand.
Whose hand do I hold now?**

**Would I take that walk home again
through raging rain and burning wind
to reach toward heaven and touch his hand
through this feverish dance of leaves?
III.
We watched from picture windows
the noiseless work of the sky
and all the flurries of snow-birds
like leaves whirling by.**

TWELVE INCHES BY MIDNIGHT

**The worms by now are dead asleep
I pray the Lord their souls to keep**

**We waited by that window
until ice and snow moved on
to cover other graves
with heaping dust and brittle down.**

SEVENTEEN INCHES BY MORNING

**Bowed toward the ice,
the trees testify to the cold
with their chattering branches.**

**Oh, the weather outside is frightful
but the fire is so delightful
*Stille Nacht, Heilage Nacht*
(Have I forgotten?)**

**Inside, I sat with my older brother
half asleep
beside the kerosene heater, waiting.**

THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED...

**We built tunnels beside Virginia Lane
after snow storms. Smoothing walls
as worms do-tunneling home.**

**IV.
Walking through the river of Virginia Lane
We could hear thunder claps swell
Through thickening green showers of windy rain
Taking a walk in water-walking home.**

**slide down my rainbow into my cellar door
and we'll be jolly friends forever more**

**Rain sings with earth, and we dance-
that rhythm of bare feet on water.
Water that feeds veins in the leaves of us
(I wait for the mock orange to bloom)**

***O who could have foretold
That the heart* never *grows old?***

**Leaves on maples in my front yard, bright green,
flickering like flame in waves of spring rain.
Anchored, they float through water and wind,
lightning and thunder.**

**We are like trees, planted by streams
of water, which yield their fruit
in its season. Our leaves
do not wither.**

**The fall
of soaking rain
calls the flight in me.
And wind, and water,
Both wash, and wind my soul.**

# Think Tank bridges gap

By Brian Giacometti '99
FEATURES WRITER

One of the advantages of attending a small, liberal arts college, as we hear, is a close and personal relationship between the student body and the faculty. Yet, few students take full advantage of the abundant knowledge and experience that our educators are not able to fully demonstrate in a classroom setting. More student-faculty interaction could leave Hamilton graduates with an education that extends beyond textbooks and hour-long quizzes.

Sophomore Keith Wandtke recognized this chance, and after discussing his political interests with his advisor, Prof. Gilbert, he was persuaded to seize the opportunity in front of him. With help from another sophomore, Mark Granovsky, Hamilton College's Think-Tank was born. The term "Think-Tank" is common now-a-days among politics, including being the title for a room in the Carter Presidential Center where conflicts are resolved. Do conflicts get resolved? Yes and no: students are invited to share and defend their views on the given issues, but there is no guarantee that anyone will walk out with changed minds. Granovsky admits that there are a few members of the discussion group that are "wild-cards," members who can go any way on any issue.

> **"Do conflicts get resolved? Yes and no: students are invited to share and defend their views on the given issues, but there is no guarantee that anyone will walk out with changed minds."**

The inaugural meeting had Ken Kogut from the Financial Aid Department to discuss the student aid process. "The meeting was a trend-setter,"says Wandtke, "you could really tell where the rift in the group was." Differences of opinion are part of the group's identity. Participants arrive at their Wednesday noon meetings from all areas of the political spectrum, from members of the Conservative Club to Socialists and even a self-proclaimed Libertarian.

Meghan Hallock, also a sophomore and participant in the Think-Tank, admits that although the group is diverse and her opinion is usually heard, the female population is almost non-existent. Upper-classmen also make up a minority, as the group is comprised of mostly freshman and sophomores. Also, beyond conservatism and liberalism, common interests seem very homogenous among the group: Wandtke being a public policy major, Granovsky - American Studies, and Hallock - World Politics. Granovsky enjoys the political atmosphere where students can "talk just for the sake of talking on the issue." Freshman Paul Demaske, also a member of the group, comments that such political awareness is not seen on the rest of campus. "I think that's reflective of our country as a whole, as well as our specific age demographic." Therefore, the Think-Tank presents students with an outlet for their desire for debate and thirst of knowledge of the political world.

This program, that has been going strong since Spring of last year has also allowed students to hear from Prof. Eismeier on campaign finance, Prof. Chambliss on affirmative action, and Prof. Warner on legalization of drugs to name a few. Prof.Isserman attracted the largest crowd when he discussed identity politics; his speech went from a local issue, to a national figure in Pat Buchanan, to a national issue in Populism. The group applauded the professor's ability to incorporate local color into a national issue, yet despite the occasional Hamilton term, such as Res. Life Decision, the focus primarily stays on the national issues.

Professors also enjoy participating in this program, and tend to be excited when seeing students take the initiative. They also encourage the majority of the conversion to come from the students, and not themselves, allowing for the students to listen and learn from each other, without worrying which letter of the alphabet will be associated with their performance. Not just professors speak, however: Attny. Mike Bagge from Utica discussed reform regarding frivolous lawsuits, and this Friday at noon they will hear from Congressman Bowler. Granovsky says he is "pretty excited...to hear a non-Hamilton point of view on the national government." Wandtke encourages any interested students to contact him for information, and prior notice for attendance, for the group is taken off the meal plan and enjoys a bagged lunch instead.

The Think-Tank is anxious to see how the next few years will be, especially with founder Wandtke going to D.C. in the fall. Granovsky will step up to driver's seat with help from freshman Kiyati Brown. Plans for the future? Hallock hopes to see an open campus debate forum, such as a lecture turned group discussion. Granovsky wishes to bring in new topics such as sexual harassment, capital punishment, and another flat tax discussion. And Wandtke, aside from his desire to balance the idea spectrum a little more to the right (claiming an imbalance favoring Democrats exists currently), he would enjoy more off-campus speakers and more participation among current members. "This is just what President Tobin said at the beginning of the year about the whole issue of faculty/student interaction, we have this group - but there needs to be more." So are current members getting something out of this experience? When asked to Demaske, his roommate Phil Jennings replied, "He's going back, isn't he?"

# College 100: The Unity of Knowledge unites both academic and social spheres of Hamilton

By Karl Dunkenberg '98
FEATURES WRITER

Yet another in the long list of curricular options for incoming first years at Hamilton is College 100: Unity of Knowledge, a seminar developed three years ago by English professor John O'Neill and the Classics department's Carl Rubino. The course is available only to first-semester first years and covers a wide curriculum from science to the humanities.

I warily decided to take the class with Prof. O'Neill in its second year and have not regretted the choice since. Our reading began with a short novel and progressed into a study that included physics, history, music, and more. Due to the extensive variety of topics discussed in College 100, the course is not credited to any particular department. This was one of the aspects of the class that definitely appeared to me as a drawback as I was choosing my courses during orientation. Why would I want to take a class that was not going to help me attain my degree no matter what concentration I chose? As soon as I had attended my first class I discovered that I had made a major oversight.

College 100 prepared me for college in ways that I genuinely do not believe any other course offered by Hamilton can. The class was small and centered around discussion. Prof. O'Neill presented a question and proceeded to let the students run the remainder of the class. As a result, most of the professors I have spoken with since say that their students who have taken College 100 seem to be much more confident and talkative in their class discussions. The majority of the class periods were facilitated by a visit from a guest who had extensive education in the area of the particular day's discussion. Not only did this add to our understanding of the subject, but it gave us a preview of many of Hamilton's professors, information upon which I have already based numerous scheduling choices.

> **"My preparation for organizing and writing essays here at Hamilton was drastically improved through the detailed responses Prof. O'Neill gave each of us."**

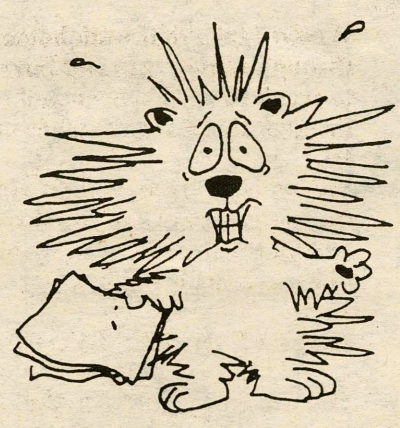
An added bonus to almost any college student is the course's policy of forgoing all tests and final exams for five essays. We were allowed to choose our own topics as long as they related to what we had been reading. My preparation for organizing and writing essays here at Hamilton was drastically improved through the detailed responses Prof. O'Neill gave each of us upon the return of our papers. As Prof. O'Neill cleverly timed the return of our papers to be at the end of class each day, our post-receipt discussions often spilled out into the hallways and even back to the dorms.

The College 100 students are given housing within close proximity of each other, and this allowed us to continue the post-class discussions in the dorm if we chose. In fact, I met a few of my closest friends here at Hamilton in this manner. To leave all your friends from home and be placed in strange surroundings can often be a traumatic experience for the entering first year, but having a small social sub-group of automatic friends made the process of acclimation much easier. Although at first many of my classmates feared that they would become isolated in this small social circle, we all soon realized that we could branch out whenever we desired to do so, much the same as any other Hamilton students, and we did. There is definitely still a bond, however, that holds us together in one way or another now at the end of my sophomore year, simply be

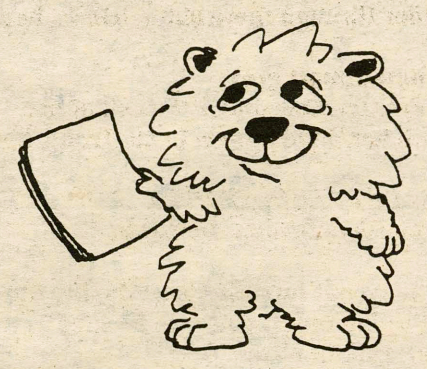
TIRED IRON REPAIR
SAAB SPECIALISTS
Service, repairs, new & used parts for model 900 & 9000
Sulpher Springs Rd.
Sauquoit NY
13456
10 min. from Clinton
839-5064

!GREAT SUMMER RENTAL!
3 bedrooms,
1 bath
spacious
living room,
kitchen.
Ideal location in
Clinton Village.
$625/month
call 859-1664 for
details.

Before revising



After revising



Visit your friendly Writing Tutor today

The Writing Center
K-J 209
X4363

## SPECTATOR CLASSIFIED

***The Spec Classified is a new section that includes Quotable Quotes, Personals, and Classified ads. Send your information to The Spec Classified via campus mail or email to "spectator@hamilton.edu".***

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

*"She's doing me, wait your turn."*
-Andrew Lane '97 to Rahul Swali designating the order of back rub recipients.

*"Fame is to immortality as a dildo is to sex."*
-Professor Rigsbee with an interesting analogy.

*"I'm going to stain the stick tonight."*
-Baran Tekkora '96 before leaving to go to the Little Pub.

*"You just don't go barging into the closet looking for Eternity."*
-Rahul Swali '97 commenting on privacy and cologne.

### PERSONALS

Stuart-
Anyway, so . . .We love you cutie!!!! Keep your chin up!!!!
-Us

Lambchop, Aftershock, Stuart, Eeyore, Flash, Tres, Opus, Terminator, Motley, Monchichi, Krusty, Kernel, Latex, Dippity-do, Rembrandt, Stardust, Jem, Skipper, The Fly, Wonder Woman, and Glottis-
In the Immortal words of lungbrush . . . Oh, yeah!!!!!
-I think you know

Dork-
Here is to living in a cardboard box!!!!! We will party hard this weekend and clear our minds of all this BS.
-Loser

P.E.-
You kicked ass! Were really proud of you. Finally you won't have to deal with everyone's s**t anymore. We love you.
-P. & V.P.

### CLASSIFIED

**Thanks to Gravity** is playing on Friday night in the Events barn for free with student I.D. Go check it out! Sponsored by CAB.

**Jitney Coordinator** 1996-1997. Contact Beverly Low x4194. Application deadline is April 25.

Needed: **I.M. Coordinator for the 1996- 1997 year**. Energy, a knowledge of sports, and good organizational skills are imperative. Write a 1-2 page well written essay on why you want this position. Send applications to Sam Walker via campus mail.\

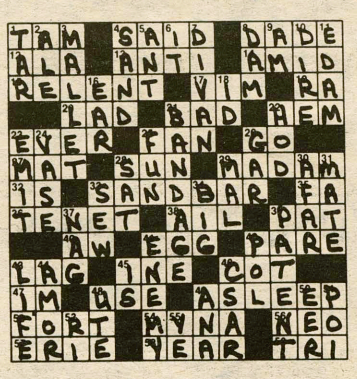
**FOR SALE**:

-Very nice **couch and chair** which I must sell before I graduate. Want them? I need $125 or best offer. Call me at x1546

-One pair of new **Oakley sunglasses.** Worn twice . . . good condition . . .don't know why I bought them . . . I have a prescription pair. Original $54. Asking $35 or best offer. x1745.

**SEND YOUR CLASSIFIEDS TO THE SPEC VIA CAMPUS MAIL**

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

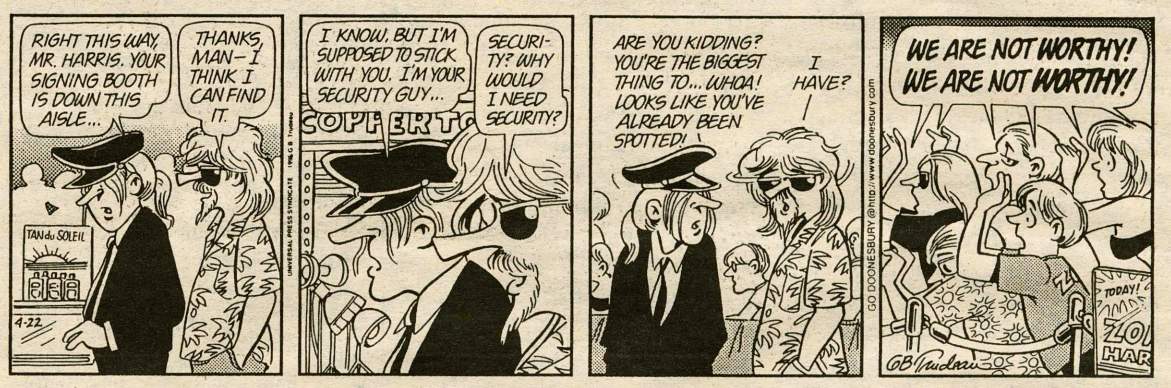


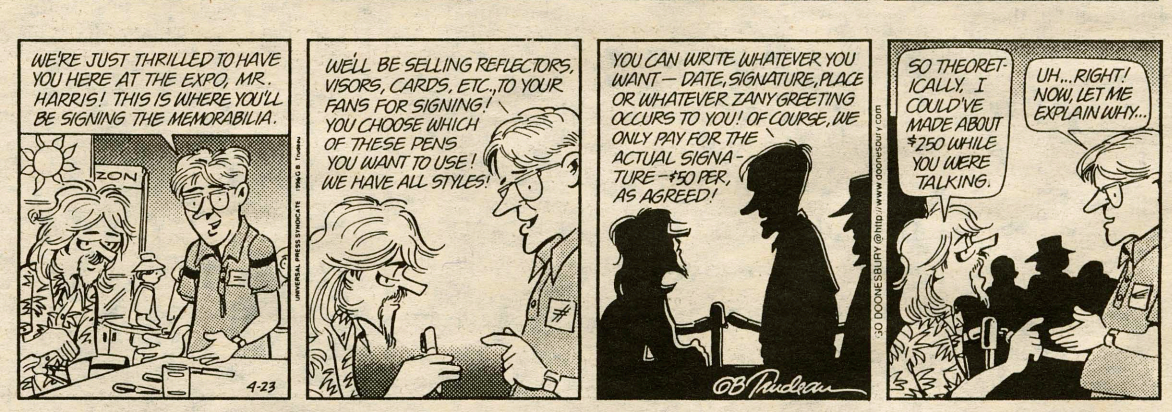

# Doonesbury

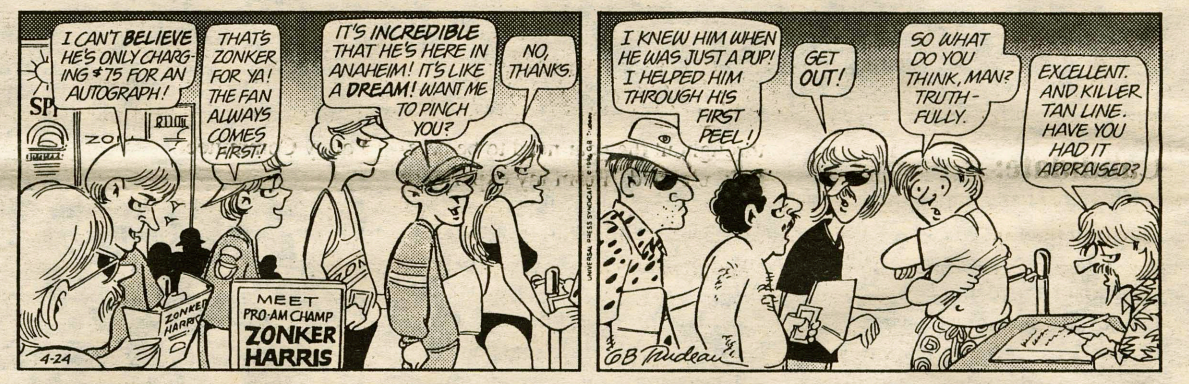
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

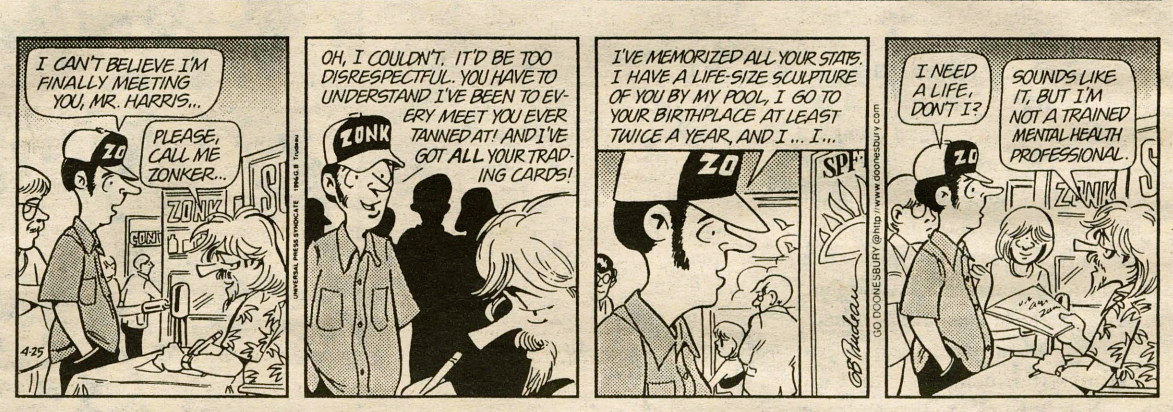
## Doonesbury

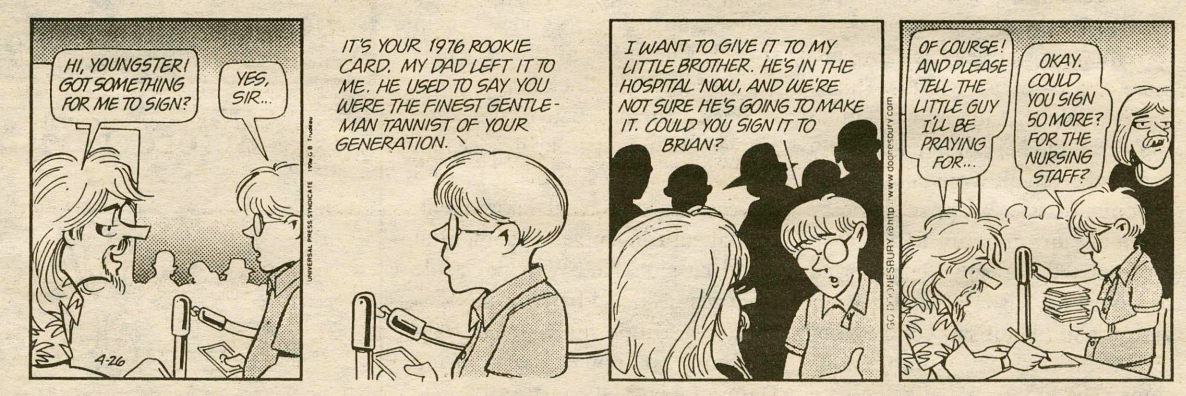
BY GARRY TRUDEAU

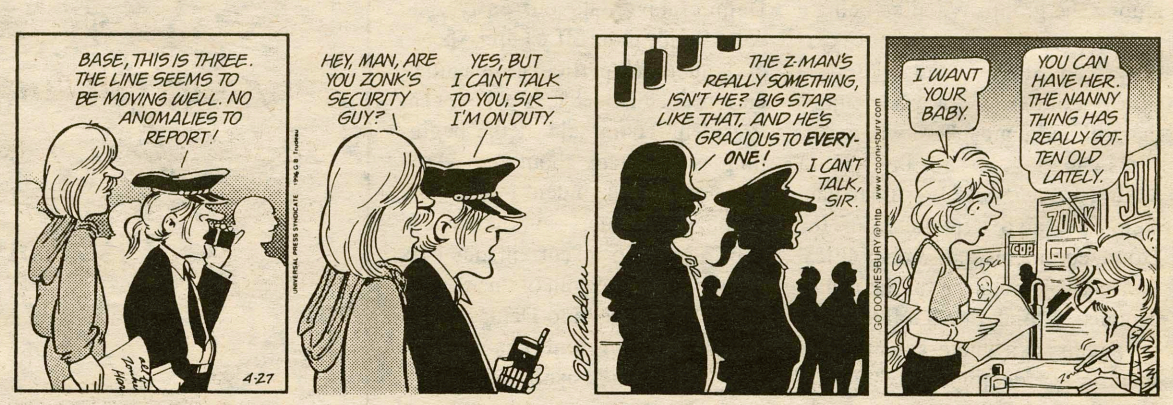

RIGHT THIS WAY, MR. HARRIS. YOUR SIGNING BOOTH IS DOWN THIS AISLE...
THANKS, MAN— I THINK I CAN FIND IT.
TAN du SOLEIL
4-22
I KNOW. BUT I'M SUPPOSED TO STICK WITH YOU. I'M YOUR SECURITY GUY...
SECURITY? WHY WOULD I NEED SECURITY?
ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'RE THE BIGGEST THING TO... WHOA! LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN SPOTTED!
I HAVE?
WE ARE NOT WORTHY! WE ARE NOT WORTHY!
TODAY!
GO DOONESBURY @http://www.doonesbury.com


WE'RE JUST THRILLED TO HAVE YOU HERE AT THE EXPO, MR. HARRIS! THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL BE SIGNING THE MEMORABILIA.
4-23
WE'LL BE SELLING REFLECTORS, VISORS, CARDS, ETC., TO YOUR FANS FOR SIGNING! YOU CHOOSE WHICH OF THESE PENS YOU WANT TO USE! WE HAVE ALL STYLES!
YOU CAN WRITE WHATEVER YOU WANT — DATE, SIGNATURE, PLACE OR WHATEVER ZANY GREETING OCCURS TO YOU! OF COURSE, WE ONLY PAY FOR THE ACTUAL SIGNATURE — $50 PER, AS AGREED!
SO THEORETICALLY, I COULD'VE MADE ABOUT $250 WHILE YOU WERE TALKING.
UH... RIGHT! NOW, LET ME EXPLAIN WHY...
GO DOONESBURY @http://www.doonesbury.com


I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S ONLY CHARGING $75 FOR AN AUTOGRAPH!
THAT'S ZONKER FOR YA! THE FAN ALWAYS COMES FIRST!
IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT HE'S HERE IN ANAHEIM! IT'S LIKE A DREAM! WANT ME TO PINCH YOU?
NO, THANKS.
MEET PRO-AM CHAMP ZONKER HARRIS
4-24
I KNEW HIM WHEN HE WAS JUST A PUP! I HELPED HIM THROUGH HIS FIRST PEEL!
GET OUT!
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, MAN? TRUTHFULLY.
EXCELLENT. AND KILLER TAN LINE. HAVE YOU HAD IT APPRAISED?


I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M FINALLY MEETING YOU, MR. HARRIS...
PLEASE, CALL ME ZONKER...
4-25
OH, I COULDN'T. IT'D BE TOO DISRESPECTFUL. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND I'VE BEEN TO EVERY MEET YOU EVER TANNED AT! AND I'VE GOT ALL YOUR TRADING CARDS!
I'VE MEMORIZED ALL YOUR STATS. I HAVE A LIFE-SIZE SCULPTURE OF YOU BY MY POOL, I GO TO YOUR BIRTHPLACE AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR, AND I... I...
I NEED A LIFE, DON'T I?
SOUNDS LIKE IT, BUT I'M NOT A TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.
GO DOONESBURY @http://www.doonesbury.com


HI, YOUNGSTER! GOT SOMETHING FOR ME TO SIGN?
YES, SIR...
4-26
IT'S YOUR 1976 ROOKIE CARD. MY DAD LEFT IT TO ME. HE USED TO SAY YOU WERE THE FINEST GENTLEMAN TANNIST OF YOUR GENERATION.
I WANT TO GIVE IT TO MY LITTLE BROTHER. HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL NOW, AND WE'RE NOT SURE HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT. COULD YOU SIGN IT TO BRIAN?
OF COURSE! AND PLEASE TELL THE LITTLE GUY I'LL BE PRAYING FOR...
OKAY. COULD YOU SIGN 50 MORE? FOR THE NURSING STAFF?
GO DOONESBURY @http www.doonesbury.com


BASE, THIS IS THREE. THE LINE SEEMS TO BE MOVING WELL. NO ANOMALIES TO REPORT!
4-27
HEY, MAN, ARE YOU ZONK'S SECURITY GUY?
YES, BUT I CAN'T TALK TO YOU, SIR— I'M ON DUTY.
THE Z-MAN'S REALLY SOMETHING, ISN'T HE? BIG STAR LIKE THAT, AND HE'S GRACIOUS TO EVERYONE!
I CAN'T TALK, SIR.
I WANT YOUR BABY.
YOU CAN HAVE HER. THE NANNY THING HAS REALLY GOTTEN OLD LATELY.
GO DOONESBURY @http www.doonesbury.com

# Administration's actions hamper freedom of speech

*". . . the College would stress that it has not only protected, but has encouraged controversy and indulged dissent, whether by students, faculty members, or visitors. This has applied to all forms of vocal demonstrations, protests, and criticism, whether directed at national or local policy, or at Hamilton."*

*- From On The Hill 1995-96, Hamilton College Student Handbook.*

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

On Tuesday, after a year and a half of unanswered letters, petitions, meetings, rallies, and forms in triplicate, the Hamilton administration recieved a clear message about the foolishness of their recent rules and regulations. Since the College has chosen to ignore the opposition of current students to these policies, prospective students were informed about them in the hopes that their yet uncommitted thousands of dollars would have more persuasive power. While many debate the ethics of involving prospective students in the res-life issue, I am more concerned about a different, even clearer message sent by the college that day, that of suppression of the truth and our rights to express our opinions.

Let me first clarify that I realize that the college is not about to reopen fraternity houses in the near future and that most prospectives are not as adamant about that issue as myself. However, there are other policies that would concern them as they do me (for example, not being allowed to live downtown, being forced to subscribe to the fourteen meal plan as a senior, no outdoor social spaces, etcetera, etcetera.) The tourguides that I have spoken with have told me that they received no instructions on how to approach the Res-Life Decision, but the unspoken policy many follow on it is "not to bring up the infamous decision, unless it is asked about." As a result, a great deal of accepted students do not even know about these policies. Many "pre-frosh" that I spoke to were not aware that you can not use fraternity houses, let alone live in them. Even fewer knew that they would have to live on campus for the next four years.

Currently, the tobacco industry is under a great deal of media and legal criticism for withholding information about the ill effects of cigarettes and manipulating levels of nicotine so as to not lose customers. The presentation of only one side of a product in order to entice customers, who will subsequently have great difficulty not using it after starting, is a ploy practiced by Hamilton College as well as Philip Morris.

However, instances such as these can arguably be written off as good advertising; what cannot is censorship. Over the course of the day, the college made several attempts to shield their potential clientele from the efforts of discontented students; unfortunately, these efforts violated the First Amendment and the institution's own policy. On page 123 of our student handbook, Hamilton explains its "Freedom of Expression" statement. I have quoted an extremely ironic portion at the top; the manifesto in its entirety is a half-page of fine print explaining how our faculty and administration welcome, protect, and facilitate free speech and protests as long as they are not violent.

And that makes me wonder! I wonder, "If Hamilton is such an advocate of the open expression, why did Res. Life make students remove signs from their windows?" I wonder why certain handouts were absent from the tables in Commons within two hours of their arrival, while a clearly slanderous flyer was left on the tables for nearly three times that amount of time earlier in the semester. Consider:

The Root Farmhouse Apartments had two banners hanging which read, "Ask Your Tourguide About ResLife" and "91% First-Years Unhappy." An area-coordinator from the office of Residential Life and a Residence Advisor (R.A.) walked over to the farmhouse and instructed them to remove the signs because it was Accepted Students Open House Day. They were removed, and later in the day the apartment's residents courageously risked the wrath of the administration and rehung them from a higher position. Unfortunately, the issue is not whether the sign hung in the end or not, but that the school tried to have it removed.

At approximately eleven o'clock in the morning, about one hundred flyers were put on the tables of Commons. They merely told students who were upset with the Res. Life decision to assemble at Bristol at two. When I returned an hour or so later with a dozen friends, we could not find a single flyer left. Some students reported seeing a Commons worker described only as "the sandwich lady" removing the flyers. Others described a man in a suit and tie with an engraved name badge taking the pamphlets off the tables. Who removed the pamphlets is not a matter of consequence, the fact that they were removed is.

It might be easy to let the incident slide. The administration is furious over the blow dealt to them by the protests–censorship might appear to be just a footnote. Many seem to agree with the action; I heard one professor discussing it with a colleague remark, "I want to go over there and tear that shit down!" The manager of Commons now claims that the flyers were there late into the afternoon.

However, despite ignoral, agreement, or coverup, the College clearly took actions that can only be classified as a suppression of free speech. This is an essential right on which our country was founded and it is a scary one to have inhibited; one does not know when, to what degree, or who will suffer a second infringement of this right. Regardless of your feelings on the Residential Life Decision or the protest this past week, censorship is unconstitutional and intolerable.

# Student Assembly 1996-1997 Candidate Platforms

## Judicial Board Chair Candidate:

**Sara Shapiro '97:**
My name is Sara Shapiro. This past semester I served on the Judicial Board. I would like to continue being a part of the board, but in a different capacity. With the knowledge and experience I have gained as a member of the Judicial Board, I believe I would make a good Chair. As Chair of the J-Board, I plan to take on all of the responsibilities associated with this job and make them a priority. Vote Sara Shapiro for Chair of the Judicial Board.

## Class of '97 President Candidates:

**Kemp Bundy '97:**
As our last year here on the Hill approaches, there are a number of matters that we, as a class, must address. Issues of importance like a successful senior week, a quality senior gift, and other senior activities throughout the year need to be carefully planned. From my experience as Class Treasurer, member of the Outdoor Graduation Committee and Central Council Task Force, I believe that I have the experience to take this job on with the knowledge, dedication, and perseverance it requires. I want to make next year our best and most memorable year at Hamilton!!!

**Michael Sklansky '97:**
The closer we journey toward our senior year, the more demanding and critical the position of 1997 Class President becomes. Organizing events to fund for activities such as our senior week will be among the numerous responsibilities of the president you elect. I feel that I am the most solid candidate for 1997 Class President as I offer the experience necessary to meet the position's demands. I have served on numerous committees including the Social Committee, Research and Development Committee, and the Alcohol Policy Committee.

## Class of '99 President Candidates:

**Andy Cook '99:**
As class president, it will be my responsibility to serve you. I will make it my duty to represent your interests and concerns in the Central Council. I believe that our class is the most energetic and spirited class on campus. It is your right to be informed about, and involved in, campus-wide issues. As Class President I cannot promise you the world, but what I can promise you is that I will represent you well, keep you informed, and serve you to the best of my ability. Thank you.

**Susan Greenspan '99:**
The Class of 1999 needs change. For the past year, we've been busy getting adjusted, finding our way around and finding where we fit in. Now, we can clearly see what needs to be changed. Registration should be done over the phone or by e-mail. The housing situation should have many more options. The students should be made more aware of what is going on in the student assembly and their opinions and ideas should be much more widely solicited. With your support, we can make these changes. So when voting, please remember Susan Greenspan for President.

**Michael Peroni '99:**
BEER! Remember me? When you've got something that is great, why change it? My name is Mike Peroni, and I'm running for re-election as the class of '99 President. Between the midnight snack and our class dance were a lot of meetings in which I learned the system and how to get things done in Student Assembly. As the incumbent, I feel confident that I am the best suited candidate to get things done for our class in the coming year. So on election day go with what you know and vote for Peroni.

**James Ryan '99:**
As President of the class of 1999 I feel that I am highly qualified and capable of achieving the goals of the students I represent. With the recent unpopular residential life decision I plan to work with the faculty to come up with new residential options to satisfy increasing demands for housing. More blocking, more apartment style options, easier access to off campus living, and more meal plan alternatives are all issues of concern with the students. Please vote for James Ryan for President of the class of 1999.

**The Spectator NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

***The Spectator is making changes, some you have begun to see each week and some you have yet to experience. The more we grow, the more we outgrow our current computer hardware. Currently, we use an outdated SE and Mac II as part of our regular layout equipment. We need upgrades. If you can help, contact Peter Gaston, Managing Editor, at 859-4100.***

***The Spectator...your Hamilton news source.***

# EDITORIAL

## Free speech applies to all

The right of free speech has been debated in thousands of forums and continues to stand as the most noble of pillars. It is an idea that has withstood attacks from a society grappling with the very principles that it stands and thrives upon because it is invaluable. To express ones view in any context, at any time has served us well. Free speech has been called upon by those without equal access to our political system as a powerful weapon when no other is available.

On the Hamilton campus, a traditionally conservative atmosphere by any standard, free speech has been accepted and encouraged for the most liberal of perspectives. Chalkings, kiss-ins, rowdy protests, and civilized marches have all been a part of any recent student's experience on the Hill. This healthy phenomenon exists, in part, because the very protestors that were so active during the sixties now find themselves occupying the chairs of academic departments and the offices of the administration.

During the Accepted Student's Open House the ISC exercised its right to free speech. Several administrators and students have condemned the ISC and its members for doing so, and find their actions inappropriate because they were not necessarily in the best interests of the College. This is a baseless position.

It is hypocrisy when some are able to express controversial views without scrutiny from the administration and others are denied that freedom. The College cannot embrace diversity from only those who it selects.

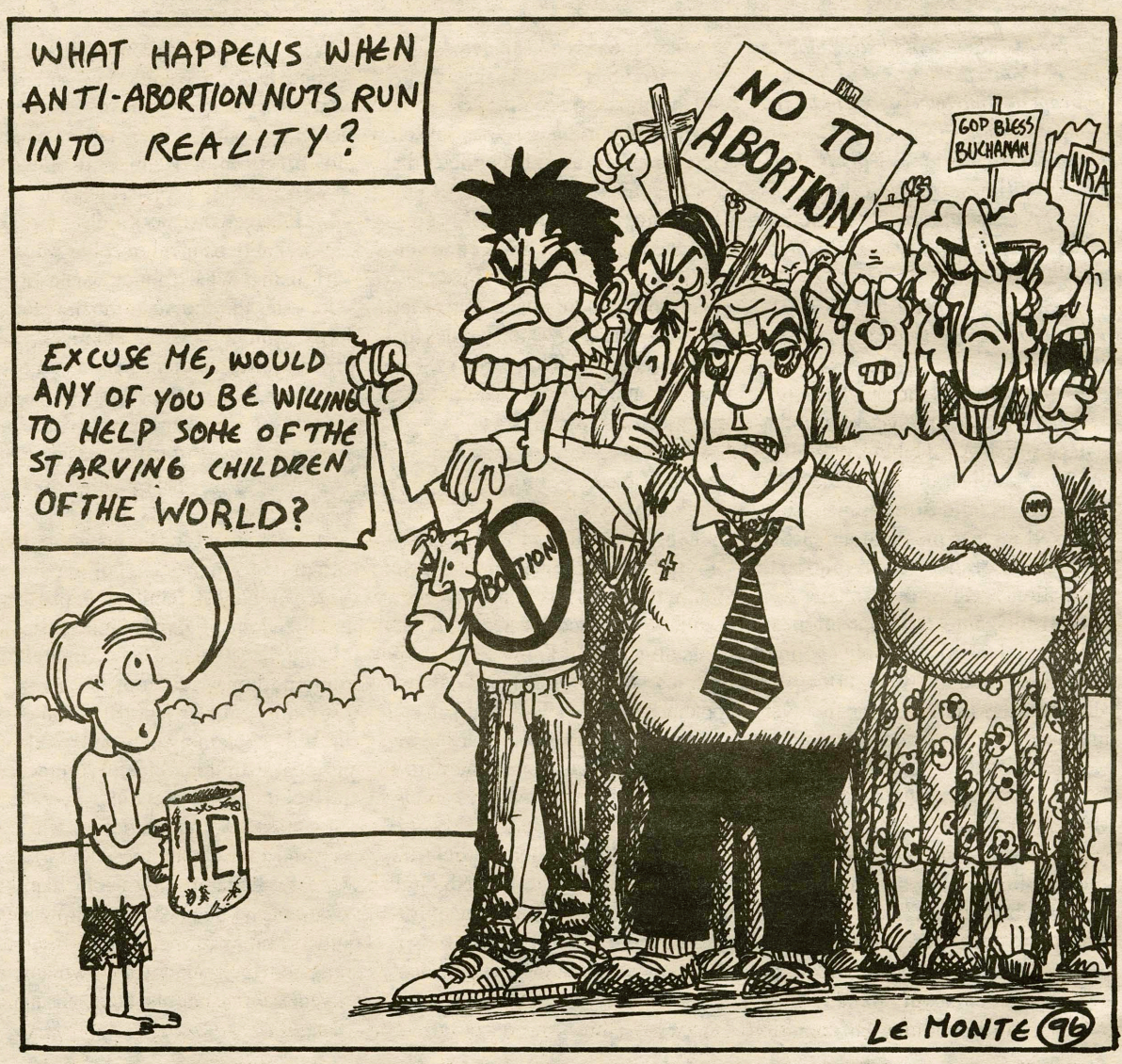
The College has not provided a forum for interested students to present their views and questions about the Residential Life decision, so the freedom of speech has become that forum. Even if one does place limits on the extent of free speech, the actions of the ISC fell well within any reasonable bounds. The distribution of literature stating their concerns was peaceful, non-confrontational yet assertive. This type of expression should not be suppressed.

Any restrictions on free speech should not be imposed by the threat of reprimand by a higher power, but should be self imposed by those speaking out.

The actions taken by the ISC did not serve the interests of the organization. No organization on campus will benefit by shunning students away from Hamilton College. The way the protest was carried out was commendable, especially in light of past actions by the ISC, but by distributing flyers with grammatical mistakes and questionable factual evidence the organization may have shot itself in the foot. Unfortunately the excellent execution of the endeavor was hidden by carelessness.

The intentions of the ISC were good.

Rit Fuller, Dean of Admission, said that some parents of prospective students asked the protestors why they do not leave if they hate Hamilton so much. The answer from the students was, "We love it here." That is a glimmer of commitment from some angry students.


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ANTI-ABORTION NUTS RUN INTO REALITY?
EXCUSE ME, WOULD ANY OF YOU BE WILLING TO HELP SOME OF THE STARVING CHILDREN OF THE WORLD?
NO TO ABORTION
GOD BLESS BUCHANAN
NRA
ABORTION
HEI
LE MONTE 96

*The Spectator*

*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*
DAVID H. TOWNSEND
*MANAGING EDITOR*
PETER N. GASTON

NEWS EDITORS
Heather Rae Obleman
Thomas Ayres

EDITOR-AT-LARGE
Jacob Stetser

LETTERS AND OP-ED EDITORS
Alejandro Eder
Zachary Thomas

SPORTS EDITORS
Mark Granovsky
Oren Rawls

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR
Daniel F. McAllister
Mark R. Wilson

PHOTOGRAPHY EDITORS
Erin Mitchell
Kate Vail

FEATURES EDITOR
Marie Follayttar

BUSINESS MANAGER
Alison Stachowicz

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Matthew S. Bendle
Jonathan R. Tucker

CALENDAR AND SECURITY BLOTTER
Alden Barlow

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
Matthew Nolan

CLASSIFIEDS
Missy Wiechmann

EDITORIAL CARTOONISTS
Matt Brand
Kathy Hess
Weston Lemonte

COPY EDITORS
Sarah McNeilly

TEMPLATE EDITOR
Matthew Winterroth

*The Editorial represents the opinion of a majority of* The Spectator *Editorial Board. The Hamilton College* Spectator, *publication number USPS 612-840, is published weekly by the Hamilton College Student Publications Board while classes are in session. Subscriptions are $29 per year. Our offices are located on the third floor of Bristol Campus Center. The deadline for personals, letters, and advertisements is Tuesday the week of publication. For further information, please call (315) 859-4100.*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hamilton special...for whom?

**To the Editor:**

Hamilton College advertises itself as "A Very Special Place." "Special" for whom? Over the years, multi-cultural organizations, at Hamilton, have used their right to freedom of speech and freedom of expression to voice important issues only to be met by general apathy. There have been incidents of death threats, vandalism, offensive flyers, and slander toward the multi-cultural community. This has made the campus uncomfortable for students and threatening even during their daily interactions.

An example of these daily threats was made clear when only 15 students came to a candle light vigil planned in support of the student participating in the hunger strike at Columbia University. At the conclusion of this event, our actions were attacked on the college radio station. In response to a campus wide mailing meant to inform Hamilton students of the events at Columbia, students felt the need to respond by sending euro-centric, ignorant, and hurtful letters to Columbia University and Cornell University's Asian American Coalition as well as to the Hamilton supporters and organizers. These letters included the following statements: "It is a very good point to look at history and see the ideals of liberty and equality are products of Western European thought." "This has got to be the most un-American protest I have ever heard of. This isn't India! This is the US of F*cking A!! You think you can use your spoiled brat scare tactics tc change the way this country works?!"

Although these are the statements of two students, they are representative of the larger sentiments held by many on this campus. Unfortunately, these authors are not social outcasts, but rather well accepted members of this campus. It is important to note that this is not an isolated incident on our campus. Other incidents, in the past, include the vandalism of the GLBSA office (now known as the Rainbow Alliance), the African-American sex doll that was thrown into Sage Rink during a game, the racial stereotyped on the CAB flyers, the deliberate erasings (by the college) of GLBSA's chalkings during Parents' Weekend, and many, many more. The college has swept these incidents under the rug and has not taken any action to address and to educate these acts of ignorance. Some might say that the Cultural Diversity requirement resolves all this, but it does not. These two students are proof.

As more and more similar events keep on occurring it seems that the Hamilton Community at large fails to recognize the connection between the individual actions and the campus atmosphere that tolerates such events. We are asking anyone who finds these incidents disturbing to please send a note to the prime decision makers of our college. This includes President Eugene Tobin (etobin@hamilton.edu), Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong (bfong@hamilton.edu), and the Dean of Students Jan Coates (jcoates@hamilton.edu). In your message please inform them that it is obvious that our Cultural Diversity requirement is not working in hope that this will pressure then to address Hamilton's commitment to cultural diversity. Nonetheless we must not forget that we cannot expect the situation to change, if do not do something on our own. Before we judge others we need to look at ourselves first.

**Lisa Chan '97**
**Stacey Kutish '98**
**Seth Schwartz '98**
**Myron Brown '96**
**Thomas Lavenir '97**
**Rebecca Libed '99**
**Mike Hew Wing '99**
**Cindy Perez '98**
**Miki Kodama '96**
**Lisa Wong '96**
**Amy Fung '96**
**and other concerned students**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Students at loss without possibility of internship credits

**To the Editor:**

As I sit here on a beautiful white sand beach looking out at the blue Pacific, I'm thinking about all the great opportunities Hamilton is denying its students by refusing to give credit for internships and work experience. I am currently on a "personal" leave of absence, and am spending a good portion of the semester in Hawaii. Now, most of you are probably laughing and thinking that this is precisely the reason for school policy. However, let me explain myself.

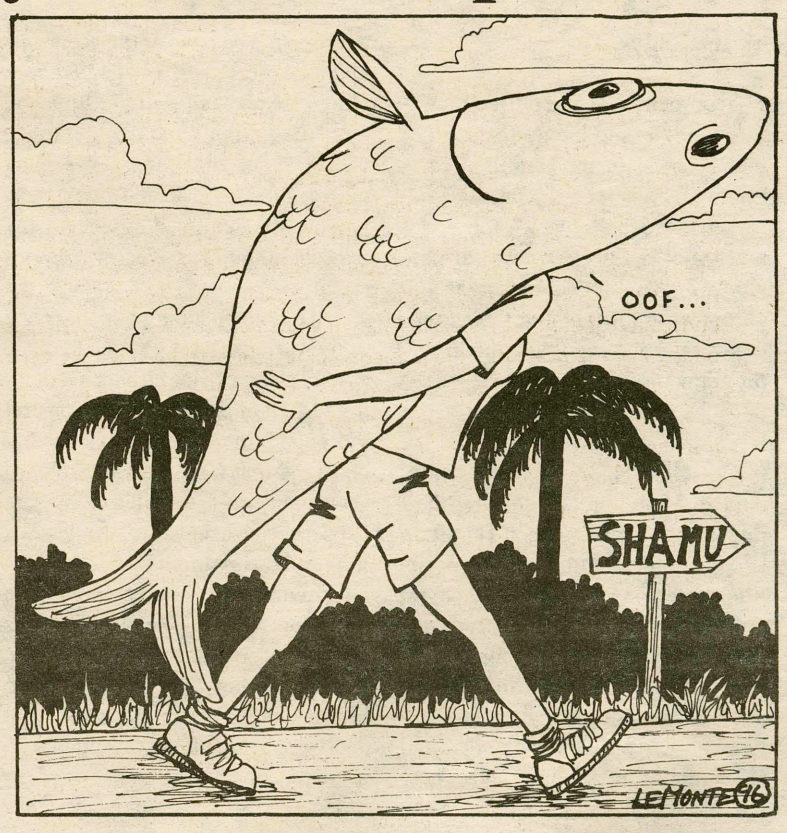
I am on my lunch break right now, and next to me stands the Kewalo Basin marine Mammal Laboratory where some of the foremost research on dolphin intelligence, cognition, and language is taking place. I work at the lab Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. (7:30 when I have a.m. fish prep) to 5:30 p.m. and some Saturday mornings. Does that not constitute "full-time" status? And, can any of you at Hamilton honestly say you spend this much time each week either sitting in class or doing homework?

In the time I have been here, I have learned about animal physiology, brain functioning and cognition, sensory perception, husbandry; I have heard seminars and lectures on environmental problems, humpback whale migration and song; as well as how to conduct scientific research smoothly while not compromising any of the controls. And all this on top of my everyday one-on-one interaction with the dolphins for which I had to be trained in sign language, safety, and how to read dolphin signs of aggression.

Still not convinced? Go to the library and look up articles on dolphin research and I promise you will come across the names of Dr. Lou Herman and Dr. Adam Pack among others. These are two PhD's who are leaders in the field and two of the people I work with here. The volunteers and graduate students interns work side by side with these scientists. Some days, I am a timer, recorder, or trainer's assistant in the research trails; other days I am an object monitor or blind observer. In fact, last week, I was involved in a demo of the cross-modal research going on here for the Office of Naval Research.

What I am trying to get across is that I am getting invaluable experience here this semester in a field in which Hamilton does not offer as single class. There are a lot of benefits in going to a small, liberal arts school like Hamilton, but there is a lot that cannot be offered there as well. I understand the school's desire to keep students from receiving credit for "slacker" internships that cannot be monitored by the school. However, a strict screening process by the Committee on Academic Standing could help. The school could also create a new type of credit if they cannot bear to lose precious in-class time.

I have seen this semester that there is a lot going on outside our small college. I have also seen the value of on-the-job training and real experience which is really critical for those of us in the fields of science. You simply cannot learn as much in the classroom as you can in the field. I was lucky that I had enough credits to be able to do this without getting too far behind. However, Hamilton's policy has kept me from some competitive summer internships like the Discovery Channel Internship which state that you "need not bother to apply if you cannot receive academic credit from your school." I hope Hamilton will see the value of experience in the real, working world in the future because not only does it improve your resume, but it also allows you to make important contacts, get recommendations, and see what kinds of careers exist in your field of interest. My "personal or academic leave of absence," as classified by the school, has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.




**Amy Taylor '97**

## The whole truth about Hamilton's Res-Life decision

**To the Editor:**

I was one of the scores of Hamilton students who worked the Open House for Accepted Students this week. Two other entities greeted our guests to the College: a Central New York April snow squall. . .and an organized demonstration, complete with banners and fliers, manifested by only the most eloquent, gentile, and Hamilton-loving members of our community. Not surprisingly, I did not see anyone I knew taking part.

As I ferried prospective students and their parents from the North Lot to the Admissions Office (and back), I was exceedingly confident. I knew that everyone had read or heard the advice of the demonstrators: "Ask about the Res Life Decision." As a tour guide of old, and as someone who still worked in the Admissions Office, I was certain that I had been fed enough lies and propaganda about our beloved administration to fend off even the most accusative interrogation. I was right. With an earnest voice and through a sincere-looking smile, I talked about building community and campus spirit, the standard Communist Party line.

To my horror, things started to fall apart. I didn't realize how convincingly the protesters had communicated their message to our visitors. Prospectives and parents alike demanded that I tell the "true story" behind the Decision. They wanted to know what "they don't want us to know." I started to buckle under the pressure. Finally, an irate mother screamed, "Where is my son going to exercise his right to drink illegally on this campus?" I buckled under the pressure. I told them the truth. From the beginning.

I started with the clandestine Trustee meeting of March 18, 1993. In this gathering, a Trustee voiced the following concern: "Our students are simply too happy. Their extraordinary social life has allowed them to find academic success. We are shooting up in the college rankings and, I fear, people are starting to like going to school here." Needless to say, the other Trustees were appalled. Cries of "How could we be so blind!" and "How can we keep raising the price if students want to be here?" filled the room. The seeds of the Residential Life decision were planted.

Next came the Res Life survey. I had inserted an agent onto the reviewing Committee. The reports I received from "Alexander H." were quite troubling. Just as the Committee sat down to analyze the results, a number of men in suits (double breasted), wielding semi-automatics and wearing masks, burst into the room. They proceeded to confiscate all the surveys. Claiming an error had been made, they placed boxes full of the "authentic" surveys on the table. Then they left the room. One of the men was apprehended later that evening by a police officer who pulled him over for speeding. "Stalin" claimed he was hurrying to the Trustee bonfire in the Glen. I am not joking.

Later that year, the Trustees met to make a decision. Despite the Committee's recommendation to legalize marijuana and cocaine, force every first-year to join a Greek society, and change the hot water taps in all the bathrooms to Pete's Summer Brew, the Trustees deliberately set out to wreck the social life at Hamilton. They had but two goals: to strip 18-20 year-olds of their constitutional right to drink alcohol, and to keep Hamilton from rising in the rankings.

My passengers rose in righteous indignation at the tale, crying "We knew it!" and "You can't fool intelligent protesters who cordon off the exit to the chapel, barge into parents' receptions, and plaster soggy fliers on my windshield which I later have to scrape off!" It was then I knew they were right. It all made sense. Making the students unhappy was in the Trustees' best interest. They are intentionally making Hamilton a bad place to live because they don't want students to come here, they don't want the College to make money, and they certainly don't want our school to look respectable. (shudder)

By and large, the Trustees have succeeded. Since the Decision, we have had two consecutive years of record-breaking numbers of applications, we have climbed several spots in the rankings, and, just this week, had the largest Spring Open House ever. But the most telling evidence of their utter victory is the recent survey. In this completely unbiased, independently run and staffed poll in which no member of our community was "encouraged" to vote any more than any other, an overwhelming number of students voiced their disapproval of the Residential Life Decision. I heard a rumor that, as a result of this reputable poll and this week's
demonstration, the Trustees voted to fully implement the Committee's recommendation, which I have previously outlined. We timid folk who have been swallowing poisonous lies for years owe the protesters our eternal gratitude.

If this letter seems insulting to certain members of our community, I ask forgiveness. At least I have that luxury. Those who insulted prospectives and their parents (yes, some were insulted) do not have an opportunity to apologize. I am fairly sure the administration was not impressed by the shocking display of inconsideration. Banners are fine. Physical intimidation (yes, some were intimidated) is not.

The point of this shamefully true story is this: those who were convinced by the demonstration not to attend Hamilton were not worried about the social life they would have here, but were simply revolted by the number of amazingly rude people we have on this campus. I only hope our guests are cognizant, as I am, that the demonstrators constituted only a small minority of the student body.

By acting irresponsibly, the protesters have done their cause a great disservice, and I urge those who wish to work constructively towards a better Hamilton to steer clear of such tactics in the future.

**David Brunk '96**

## LETTER AND OP-ED POLICY

***The Spectator's* Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.**

**1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail, email at "spectator@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be dropped off at *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.**

**2. Letters should be no more than 600 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. *The Spectator* will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes. *The Spectator* also reserves the right not to print letters, or opinion pieces.**

**3. If the editor determines that a piece may be libelous, or an unwarranted invasion of privacy, then the piece will not be printed. *The Spectator* reserves the right to correct factual inaccuracies or to refuse to print a piece due to factual inaccuracies.**

**4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.**

**5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh double density disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.**

**6. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed. However, letters may be printed with the names withheld upon request, subject to the discretion of the editors.**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Despite protests, prospective open-house deemed success

**To the Editor:**

On behalf of the Office of Admission, I would like to thank all of the members of the Hamilton community who helped to make the Accepted Students' Open House our most successful ever. An all-time record high number of more than 300 accepted applicants and their families came to campus for a two-day program on Tuesday and Wednesday. Despite dismal weather and a few other assorted distractions, the mood of the visitors was consistently upbeat. Many students declared their intention to matriculate at Hamilton and paid their enrollment deposits prior to leaving campus. We would like to compliment the ISC protesters on a remarkably well-organized protest. Many of the visiting parents attended college during the late sixties and early seventies, and found the campus protest quaint and evocative of their own college days. They admired the passion of the protesters and the reserve of College officials, who were respectful of the students' free speech rights and did nothing to censor or curtail the messages being disseminated. Visiting students and parents alike enjoyed observing and participating in our dynamic campus culture.

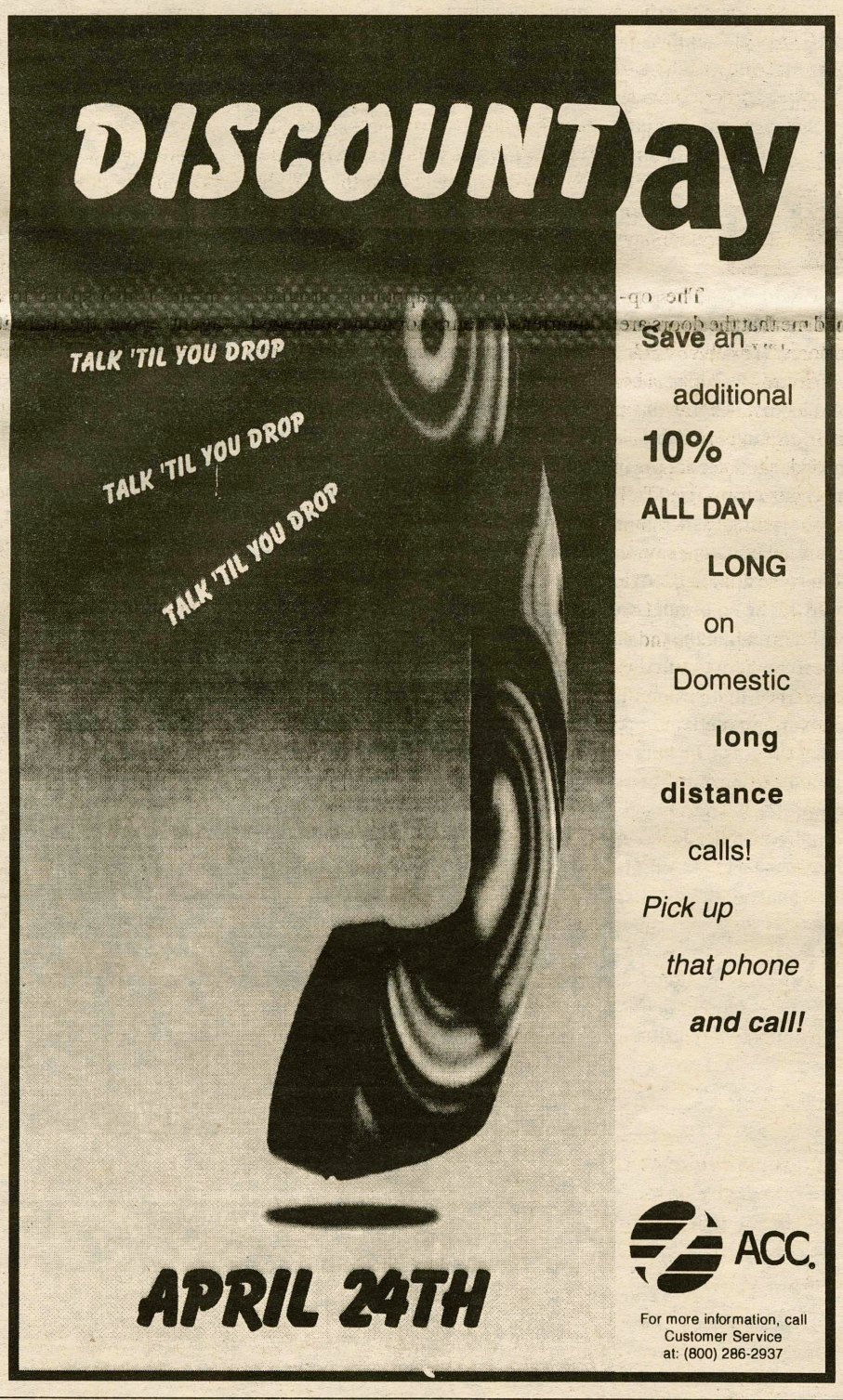
It did not go unnoticed that none of the various flyers circulated made any mention of Hamilton's academics. Upon encountering demonstrators outside of the Chapel, one mother observed that it seemed the small of group students assembled there were "upset because they can't drink alone in their houses anymore." Additionally, many visitors commented upon the poor writing, sketchy statistics and lack of critical analysis presented in the handouts. Said another parent, "I think the College made the right decision. It seems these students do need to concentrate more on their academics!" The authors of these publications should, at a minimum, familiarize themselves with the differences between the terms "perspective" and "prospective."

We in the Admission Office are delighted to report that we have the largest applicant pool in the history of the College. It may be no coincidence that Hamilton's popularity has soared in the year following the anouncement of the Residential Life Plan. The members of the Class of 2000 who visited campus this week represent a group of bright, dynamic, diverse students with a high degree of academic achievement and intellectual passion. The students who have already deposited have chosen to come to Hamilton for a high-quality liberal arts education, a talented and committed faculty, a dynamic community, and a diverse and thoughtful residential life plan including a non-residential private society system.

Although we had our concerns at times, it appears that neither the weather nor the protests had any measurable negative effect on the enthusiasm of our visitors. Nearly all with whom we spoke affirmed their support of the College's residential life program. The extensive research conducted prior to the residential life decision demonstrated that Hamilton's previous residential system was not attractive to a majority of the most well-qualified applicants. The admission results we have achieved this year serve to validate the value of Hamilton's Residential Life Plan in our efforts to raise the College's visibility and selectivity and to increase the academic quality of our entering classes.

So, to the protesters: while this was likely not your intent, we thank you heartily for helping us to attract students whose primary goal is to seek a first-rate liberal arts education and helping us to discourage students whose primary interest is in partying. While every member of this community recognizes that Hamilton's residential life program is far from perfect and we have some way to go in achieving the goals set forth in the Residential Life Plan, what do you really think most Hamilton students are paying $27,000 per year for? (Hint: an education.) We are sorry that you are so frustrated that your only apparent goal at present is to damage the College's reputation. Luckily for us and for the vast majority of Hamilton students who value their education and look forward to being alumni of a highly distinguished institution of higher learning for the rest of their lives, your actions this week appear to have had the opposite effect. Thanks again and long live free speech!

**Monique Valcour**
**Director, WAVE Program**
**Office of Admission**


DISCOUNTday
TALK 'TIL YOU DROP
TALK 'TIL YOU DROP
TALK 'TIL YOU DROP
Save an additional 10% ALL DAY LONG on Domestic long distance calls!
Pick up that phone and call!
ACC.
APRIL 24TH
For more information, call Customer Service at: (800) 286-2937

## Take back the night

**To the Editor:**

Monday night I went to my first Take Back the Night rally, which was sponsored by the Womyn's Center. We gathered on the steps of the library, made posters, and proceeded to march across campus towards the Barn where there was a speak-out. I have not witnessed anything as powerful or as moving on this campus. Woman after woman stood up to to speak her story and to end the silence, while the other women and men sat on the floor of the Barn, and cried because of the horrors that were being described. But within the despair of horror, I felt a sense of hope. I felt stronger, knowing that people were willing to come together and face the reality and cry out against rape, domestic violence, and other violent acts against women.

My sense of hope was somewhat diminished by the reactions of the campus to the Rally. As we walked past the dorms, I could hear the yells of fellow students swearing at and crying-out against the group. After the Rally was over, I encountered other such negative comments.

I do not understand. Did they listen to what we were saying? Why was there such a violent reaction to a group of women and men, coming together to protest against the violations of women's rights? Is there something that I do not know? Were there secret messages encoded in our chants? "No more silence! No more violence!", "People Unite! Take back the night!": which of these words could anyone possibly object to?

Another reaction I found common was: "Why do we need a Rally? Hamilton is a safe college." I saw women stand up and say that they were raped on this campus. Until rape and sexual assault are no longer present on this campus, we must continue to come together ad to speak-out!

After the Rally I continue to search for answers. I am unable to reconcile the violent screams with our cries against violence. Did the reactions stem from ignorance and fear? It is easier, perhaps, to refuse to admit that rape could happen on our campus than it is to fight and abolish it. I did no want to believe the sories that I heard. I did not want to recognize the people that commit such horrific crimes. I did not want to believe that evil like this is in our world. But I believed them. Rape exists and it happens here.

**Sarah A. Knapp '99**

## ISC showed irresponsibility

**To the Editor:**

The ISC claims that "Hamilton is rampantly declining." Whether one subscribes to this belief or not, the last thing anyone needs to do is support such a "decline." But the Inter-Society Council -using flyers, banners and verbal dissuasion - did just that. By providing *pro*spectives (not perspectives), with a tremendous amount of negative rhetoric, the ISC may have taken Hamilton several steps backward.

While I encourage all students to share experiences of all kinds to prospectives, I cannot comprehend the motivations of the ISC in discouraging a large percentage of those future students who could have enhanced all our degrees and our future *alma mater*.

The Inter-Society Council has greatly disrespected Hamilton College. It is my hope that prospectives can see beyond the narrow-mindedness of one organization.

**Brian Gallagher '98**

*The Spectator* : on line at

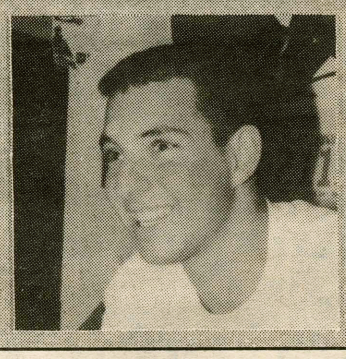
http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/studentmedia/spectator

# VOICE BOX

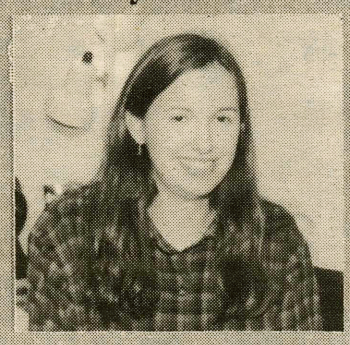
**Q: PROSPECTIVES, HAS STAYING IN THE DORMS CHANGED YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT HAMILTON?**

**A:**

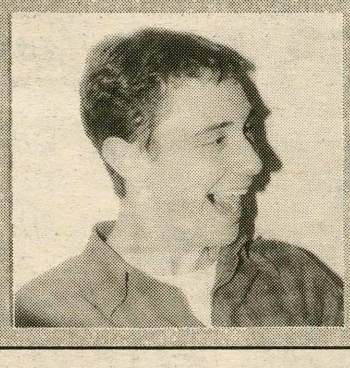
*Larry Bahr, New York*
*Stayed in Dunham*
**"It gave me an inside view on where to live at Hamilton."**



*Jillian Orfeo, Buffalo*
*Stayed in Dunham*
**"Not really. I'm coming here because I applied early decision."**



*Tom Klein, New York*
*Stayed in South*
**"I went on line. The dorms are dope. Dunham is boots."**



*Julie Schermerhorn, Mass.*
*Stayed in Dunham*
**"It was great to hang out and get a sense of what college life is like."**

# Real Dunham fires are ignored by Hamilton Security

HEATHER RAE OBLEMAN

Recently Dunham surpassed its negative reputation for fire drills with four real fires. The campus concern towards these incidents has been minimal, since they "were just trash can fires." As someone who lives in Dunham, I can tell you trash can fires or bonfires, I would like something done.

I am only informed on two of the fires, I slept through the other two. This fact does not make me feel any better. Everyone in Dunham is trained on the art of sleeping through the abnoxious noise of the fire alarms. I am not trying to scare people who are living there next year, I am only trying to address the fact that something must be done to protect the people who live there this year and next. Whenever there is a drill in Dunham, the alarm sounds forever before any help ever arrives to survey the scene or put out a fire. The lackadaisical attitude, unfortunatly, is well-founded. However, after a real fire set by someone in the first floor hallway Thursday night/Friday morning at 5 a.m., there should have been much swifter action taken when the fire alarm went off in the lounge down the hall.

I woke at 3:30 a.m. after the alarm had been going off for about ten minutes and was shocked to find that no one else was up. When I realized there was a real fire, I did not know what to do. I called security to let them know there was a real fire and saw others do the same. The lounge was filled with smoke and I could not tell how bad it was. Another person on the hall asked me where the fire extinguisher was, and I headed in that direction. There was no fire extinguisher in the hall. I assumed it had been used the night before and not replaced. In reality a student was already in the smoke filled lounge putting out the fire. When looking in the lounge, there was no security. There was no fabled security guard in Dunham all night. Nor was there a person in the dorm for safety during fires. Not only does no one fear sleeping through the fire drill, but the people who are there to check to see if it is a real fire appear to follow suit and sleep also.

Another concern I have in addition to the lack of response to Dunham alarms is that my fire exit was locked. In the beginning of the year you get a map of where to exit in case of an emergency and my colored arrow points to the doors in front of the lounge. I have never once seen these doors unlocked. With a fire on one end of my hall one night, and at the other end the next, I would like to see my closest exits unlocked.

Once the fire was out, I called campus safety again to update them on the fire. I asked if security could possibly have someone unlock our fire exits so we could air out the lounge and get the alarm to stop, since no one was there to do anything about it. I was told she was on the other line trying to talk to the fire department about getting fans there to circulate air. When I spoke to the firemen in the hall after the incident, they asked if I had an outside line and told me to call directly to them from now on because there is no reason it should have taken that long. They were also surprised to hear the front doors are always locked. Apparently they were unlocked by the time they arrived at 3:56. My question is, if these doors are our fire exits, why are they locked? I would prefer to have a risk at the damage of dorm room furniture which ends up damaged regardless than have the doors stay locked.

The operator informed me that the doors are locked as "protocol." In other words, it is normal. Why am I making a big deal about doors being locked? I am not sure, but in my experience it is generally a bad idea to lock people in as normal procedure for a fire. Telling her this, she yelled at me and rebuked me for taking up her precious time. Her words were, "Why should I have to talk to you instead of doing my job?" I could understand a slight bit of hostility if I was asking for someone's phone number on the emergency line, but to then hang up on me when I was letting her know about a fire? I find that highly inappropriate. Before I could respond, "You have to talk to me because you are campus safety and there is a safety concern," the woman hung up on me. Later that morning I spoke to Nancy Thompson about the doors and my belief that the fire extinguisher was not replaced. She told me the doors must have been locked after the trash can was brought outside. I disagreed and informed her they have never been unlocked and are marked as my fire exit. She informed me some other door must be marked on my map.Well, that isn't true. Also, she said the fire extinguisher must not have been replaced from the night before. It turns out the student already had it before I got there, but why didn't it disturb her that there was no extinguisher in the hall. She simply rationalized and went to the questions she wanted answered, which was about a piece of plastic across the hall.

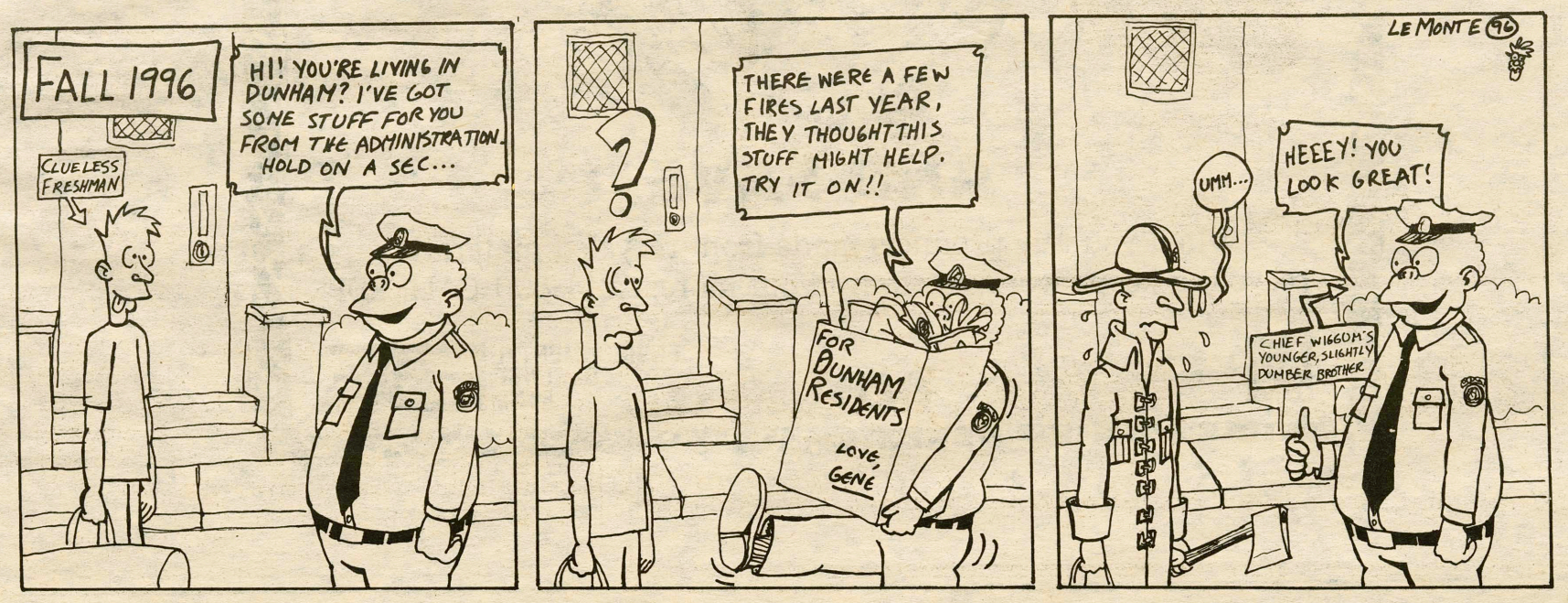
As this was happening, around a quarter to four, someone emerged from their room on my hall and threw something at the fire alarm on the wall. Mind you, this person did not realize the room in front of them, which was then covered with white ash, was on fire twenty minutes before. All year the residents of Dunham have learned that if an alarm goes off, put your head under your pillow. An additional lesson must be if that doesn't work, vandalize the alarm. This broken piece of plastic got more attention that night than any of my frantic calls to campus safety.

Later that night there was a knock on my door. On the other side I was surprised to see a security guard, Nancy Thompson, two police officers and two fire men lingering in the hall. I was hoping they would tell me that they knew who it was. Maybe that the doors won't be locked anymore, or possibly that the negligence of campus safety has been resolved. Instead, they wanted to know about the broken plastic. The piece of plastic brought six people to my hall searching for information, but my concerned calls got hung up on. It is interesting to see the value placed upon student safety and hall property in our school.

Dunham will have the fire alarm repair added to their bill along with an extensive cleaning of the bathroom done a week after the fact. When one of these fires does catch, will the lounge damage be added to our damage bill if campus safety takes half an hour to call the fire department? I also spoke to an insurance agent about the liability of fire in dorm rooms. The school does not have to replace a single one of the 16 computers on my part of the hall alone.

With the rash of fires the agent recommended I buy an extinguisher and renters insurance. I don't want to get an extinguisher and renter's insurance. I didn't go to Columbia in NYC because of crime in the city. Instead of crime, in Clinton we have fires. I am not sure which is worse, but as the fires get closer to my room each time, I begin to wonder.

There have now been two mandatory dorm meetings on the fires. At the first, they threatened to show us the video of how fast a dorm room burns. We were told it takes about a minute. I just hope they don't make us watch the video of how long it takes campus safety to respond, that is much more discouraging. Maybe security should find out how fast a dorm room burns.


FALL 1996
CLUELESS FRESHMAN
HI! YOU'RE LIVING IN DUNHAM? I'VE GOT SOME STUFF FOR YOU FROM THE ADMINISTRATION. HOLD ON A SEC...
?
THERE WERE A FEW FIRES LAST YEAR, THEY THOUGHT THIS STUFF MIGHT HELP. TRY IT ON!!
FOR DUNHAM RESIDENTS
LOVE, GENE
LE MONTE 96
UMM...
HEEEY! YOU LOOK GREAT!
CHIEF WIGGUM'S YOUNGER, SLIGHTLY DUMBER BROTHER

# ATTENTION!

**applications for the following positions are now being accepted.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Editor of *Voices* | (non-fiction) |
| Editor of the *Hamiltonian* | (Yearbook) |
| Editor of the *Daily Bull* | (events) |
| Editor of the *Wag* | (humor) |

**applications can be picked up at the front desk of Bristol Campus Center. Any questions, call Brian at X1450**

©1994 EDF

BUY RECYCLED.

AND SAVE.SM

When you buy products made from recycled materials, recycling keeps working. To find out more, call 1-800-CALL-EDF.

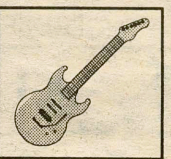
Ad Council A Public Service of This Publication

EPA

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND EDF

## THE HAMILTON ARTIST OF THE WEEK

### STEVE PRYMAS
SENIOR



## Guitarist of Mission Impossible fame to perform recital Wednesday

By Phil Skalski '99
A&E WRITER

This coming Wednesday, April 24th, the Events Barn will come alive again as senior Steve Prymas takes center stage for a jazz concert. Prymas, who plays both jazz and funk six-string guitar, will be joined by professional musicians for the 8:30 p.m. performance. This show, though not for a class or thesis, will be, as Prymas put it, "good experience."

Steve Prymas, who is a member of the Jazz Ensemble, the Hamilton Jazz Combo, Grooved Pavement, and Mission Impossible, began his guitar career as a freshman in high school. Then, when he was a sophomore in college, he joined the band, Crazy Chester. In his next move, he became a member of the Jazz Ensemble and eventually, after Crazy Chester disbanded, began playing with Mission Impossible, which is now Grooved Pavement.

Over the past seven years of his career, coupled with his own drive and creativity, Prymas has been influenced by several accomplished musicians, especially B.B. King, Miles Davis and Doc Woods. He believes it is important to try to imitate other artists' work as a way in which to expand and grow musically.

FILE PHOTO

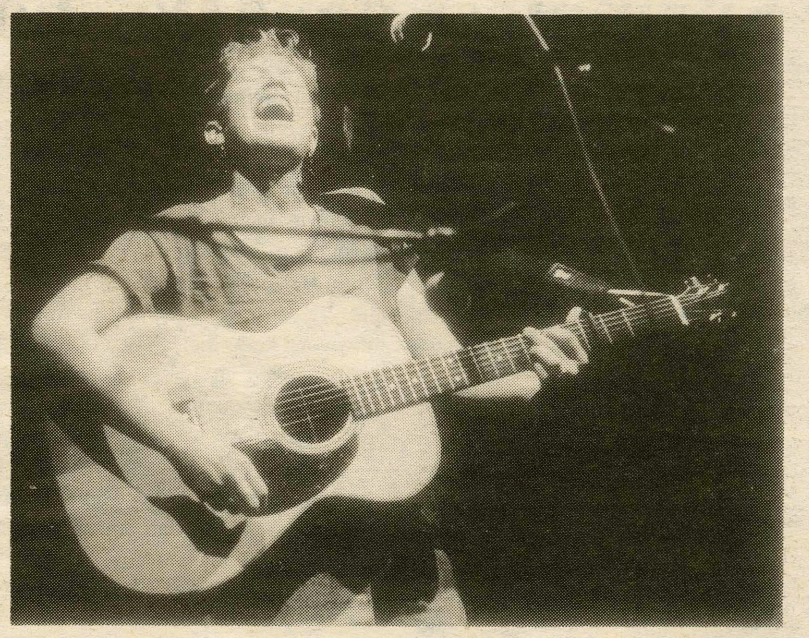
**Steve Prymas (far left) jams with Mission Impossible during Senior Week last year.**

When he first began playing guitar, many people told him to give up, that it was too risky to try to become a performer, but he resisted their remarks and made himself do it. Instead of being defeated by his mistakes, he turned them into learning experiences that helped to further propel his guitar playing.

Steve Prymas, while admitting that the music industry is very competitive and difficult to survive in, plans to continue playing guitar (professionally or independently) in the future. He hopes to study the guitar more intensely at a music school.

Through his own experience as a musician, he gave valuable advice to newcomers: "never turn down an opportunity" to perform or grow. Prymas feels that if you are musical, and have some ability, there is no reason to give up, even if you are not the best.

# Alum Klein '95 to open at KAC Coffeehouse



FILE PHOTO

**Jess Klein '95 belts it out on stage.**

Opening for guitarist Martin Sexton at the Kirkland Art Center Coffeehouse at 8 pm on April 26 will be Jess Klein, a class of '95 graduate of Hamilton College. Klein, who studied guitar and performed her poetry and songs while living in Kingston, Jamaica, returned to the states and performed extensively during her college career at Hamilton.

She has performed with many well-known artists such as Dar Williams, The Nields, Tom Prasada-Rao, Jabbering Trout, and many others. In 1995, she was chosen to be in the Acoustic Underground Competition.

Klein has been making an impact on the Boston folk scene. She has also performed at the KAC several times.

Martin Sexton has come a long way from a street corner in Harvard Square. He has since opened for Jackson Browne, Art Garfunkle, Shawn Colvin, Stephen Stills, and Graham Nash.

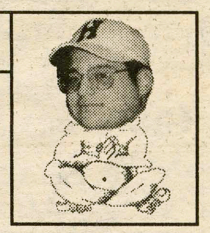
Tickets are $8 for the general public and $7 with a Hamilton ID.

SUMMER

**TOURGUIDE OPENINGS**

Anyone interested in becoming a Summer Tourguide, please pick up an application from the front desk in the Admission Office. The deadline for applying is April 26. Summer tourguides receive free room and $5.00/hour. The job starts immediately after exams and continues through the month of August. Vacation time is negotiable, but not in the month of August. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Karen @ x4431.

BUDDHA'S BUZZ



# Springfest debacle shows CAB needs new drivers

By Peter Gaston '99
MANAGING EDITOR

A week of great concerts is about to begin. Tonight, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones and G. Love and Special Sauce will provide a funkdified groove that will make the booty shake and the buildings quake. Tomorrow, Belizbeha will lay down their jazzy hip-hop flavor to the excitement of dancing feet. Next Saturday, bask in the glow of impending spring in an outdoor concert featuring God Street Wine and the Pharcyde or head inside and see Widespread Panic

Sounds good, right? It should, especially if you attend Colgate (where the Bosstones, G. Love, and Belizbeha are headed), Syracuse (where GSW and the Pharcyde are scheduled), or Gettysburg (who booked Widespread).

The Bundy-Scott Fieldhouse, booked months ago by the Campus Activities Board, will be vacant on April 27 as the "big-name concert" touted in the CAB Calendar has failed to become reality. I will be travelling to Syracuse to see God Street Wine, along with other Hamilton students, to try to catch some good live music this spring.

What happened to Springfest? In CAB's defense, the April 27 date was the only one given to CAB for a big concert, so flexibility was limited.

That having been said, let's look at the reality. CAB posted a huge display in Beinecke during the week before spring break asking students to choose one of four "finalists" for Springfest: God Street Wine, They Might Be Giants, Barenaked Ladies, and Widespread Panic. At this time, however, I knew that GSW was about to be booked at Syracuse, and the other bands would certainly be booked shortly.

In fact, two out of those four "finalists" were booked for April 27, the one day Hamilton could host a show in the Fieldhouse. CAB's letter to *The Spectator* last week stated that long travel times between dates prevented bands from coming here. Obviously that was not an issue with God Street, who will be playing not even an hour away in Syracuse.

CAB members with whom I have spoken said that all of the bands worth booking had been swiped up by more eager schools by the time CAB was ready to make a decision. Of course they were booked—CAB waited until mid-March to book a concert that was little more than a month away. For most shows, tickets go on sale that far in advance. CAB didn't even know whom they were bringing to the Hill at that time.

Hamilton likes to compare itself to Colgate, a school with similar academic standing. This academic year alone, Colgate has scored with God

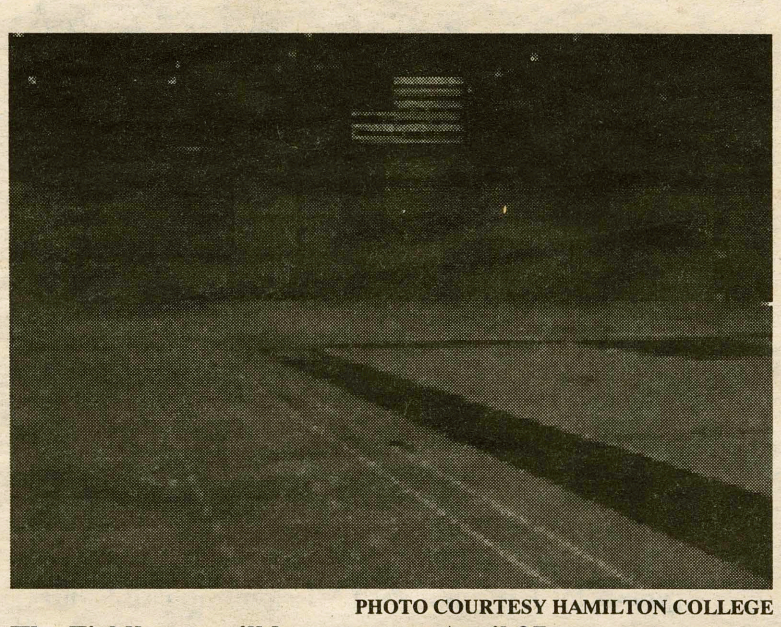


PHOTO COURTESY HAMILTON COLLEGE

**The Fieldhouse will be empty on April 27.**

Street Wine in the fall and the Bosstones, G. Love, and Belizbeha in the spring. Hamilton has seen the Goo Goo Dolls and John Gorka. There is no comparison.

In fact, the best bands on campus this year have been brought to the hill by societies. Maybe the people who booked Tijuana Caravan, Slipknot, The Other Half, and Belizbeha could lend CAB a hand.

CAB also stated in its letter that it was a light spring for touring bands. I disagree. The scope of touring bands is changing with the ascent to stardom of bands like Blues Traveler, Phish, and the Dave Matthews Band. Right now, God Street and Widespread Panic are the cream of the crop, and the bands that Colgate and other schools have booked are up-and-coming.

As far as I'm concerned, there is no excuse for this situation. CAB's role on campus is much more vital now with the Residential Life decision in place. CAB has the funds and the links to the administration that should allow it to be an influential social force on campus. At a time when we all needed a boost from something like Springfest, we were all let down.

Now, CAB tells us it wants to bring shows to the Stanley Theater in Utica. This is not the answer. We want entertainment on campus, not in Utica. I was excited to see perhaps God Street Wine, a personal favorite, at my college; I wanted to walk to the Fieldhouse from my dorm and see a great concert. Events like this bring pride to the students. Some of my friends from home were planning on coming to Hamilton for the show, and now we're going to Syracuse.

CAB did score big, at least in my mind, with the fabulous Béla Fleck concert three weeks ago. Thanks to Gravity (a band chosen by WHCL-FM) should be fun. However, it's insulting that I can replace the pleasure of a good concert here with Virtual Reality and comedian Lance Montalto.

CAB is in the process of electing new committee chairs, and I urge students who are motivated and who possess a good knowledge of what Hamilton wants to apply for these positions. If I were not managing editor here I would be filling out an application myself.

It is obvious, after a poor year in CAB programming, that change is needed. CAB needs people to prevent a debacle like Springfest from repeating itself. Next year, I'd rather be excited about next week's concert than explaining why it never was.

# 'Gravity' not stopping band from reaching heights with new album

By Peter Gaston '99
MANAGING EDITOR

One of the two bright spots in this year's concert schedule was a show last November, just a few weeks after the Goo Goo Dolls disaster. Belizbeha gave Commons a taste of phat jazzy sounds and reaffirmed doubts that good live music could be found on this campus. WHCL-FM and Sigma Phi helped bring in Belizbeha, and now WHCL is teaming with CAB in sponsoring Thanks to Gravity's performance in the Events Barn tonight at 9 pm in the Events Barn.

TTG is a four-piece from New Hampshire that blends a classical approach with catchy rhythms and the keen lyrics of vocalist Andy Happel. On their latest album, *Slingshot* (AWARE Records), TTG proves that they are ready to embrace the spotlight and move on to major label Capitol Records with a new release in 1997.

From the social messages of "Already Heard It" to the emphatic love and catchiness of "Bobsled," TTG shows range, both lyrically and musically. Some of their tunes possess a groove-happy feel, while others hearken to folk influences.

Comparisons to the Dave Matthews Band come easily when Happel's violin weaves its way into TTG's tracks, but while DMB leans more towards a big band sound, TTG is stripped down and raw.

"Pachabel's Canon", that song heard at graduations all over the country, is a live trademark of Thanks to Gravity. Enhanced by the synthesizers of Sean "Feelix" Caughran, "Pachabel's" takes on its own unique feel, and when Happel begins to add his vocals, the song becomes a part of TTG.

PHOTO COURTESY THANKS TO GRAVITY

**Andy Happel, "Feelix" Caughran, Drew Wyman, Sean Daniels: Thanks to Gravity.**

The key to Thanks to Gravity might be percussionist Sean Daniels. The complex rhythms woven by Happel, Caughran, and bassist Drew Wyman (relation to Bill of the Stones unknown) are effectively absorbed and enhanced by Daniels' talent.

If you like Thanks to Gravity, thank WHCL for the idea and CAB for the funds. If you don't, just blame Eric Ritvo.

**THANKS TO GRAVITY**
**TONIGHT**
**9 PM**
**EVENTS BARN**

# Gorka, Kaplansky close out Acoustic Coffeehouse Series

John Gorka, who was named the "preeminent male singer/songwriter of the New Folk Movement by *Rolling Stone* magazine, will perform in the Filius events barn on Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:15). He will be joined by special guest Lucy Kaplansky, who returns to Hamilton after an outstanding fall headline performance. Admission to the event is $5 for the general public and free with a Hamilton I.D. There will also be free refreshments available.

Gorka, who is known for applying his rich baritone vocals to a wide range of song forms, has toured with Nanci Griffith and Mary Chapin Carpenter. On his newest album, *Out of the Valley*, he continues to broaden his multifaceted approach to songcraft with intimate confessional songs, humorous observations about daily life and poignant commentary on political moods.

Kaplansky began her career singing in Chicago, but has long been a fixture of the Greenwich Village music scene. She made her mark as a Folk City regular, as part of the Fast Folk Co-op crowd and with Song Project, a group which earned critical acclaim doing material by Greenwich Village writers. For several years, she performed with Shawn Colvin as a duo, and has lent her voice to many of her colleague's releases. She has also landed soundtrack credits, such as *Pretty in Pink* and *The Firm*. Her debut album, *The Tide*, was named "one of the true hidden gems of the year" by the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*.

**Kaplansky and Shawn Colvin.**


EUROPE
on the Cheap!

| | |
|---|---|
| LONDON | $199 |
| FRANKFURT | $169 |
| PARIS | $219 |
| AMSTERDAM | $169 |
| MADRID | $309 |

★ Europass from $210 ★

Fares are from New York, each way based on a RT purchase. Fares do not include federal taxes and passenger facilities charges, which can total between $19.95 and $31.95, depending on the destination, nor do they include departure charges paid directly to to foreign governments, which can total between $3.00 and $60.00. Int'l Student ID may be required. Fares are subject to change. Restrictions apply. Valid for departures until 31 May 1996.

Council Travel
CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange
On the Web: http://www.ciee.org/cis/cishome.htm
1-800-2-COUNCIL
(1-800-226-8624)

# MOVIES IN REVIEW


Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
Sangertown Square Mall


**FLIRTING WITH DISASTER** C-
**MRS. WINTERBOURNE** B

BY GINA CARBONE '99
A&E WRITER

***Flirting with Disaster***

You take a big risk when you flirt with disaster. You may end up being taken advantage of, which is what anyone who has seen *Flirting With Disaster* can attest to.

Ben Stiller stars as Mel, a young father finding it impossible to name his son without finding out the truth about who his birth parents are. Mel was adopted by a Jewish family, but feels insecure about who he is without knowing where he is from. He visits with Tea Leoni, who plays a worker from the adoption agency where Mel was adopted. She tells him that she has found his birth parents and wants to go with him and his wife to meet them so that she can videotape the encounter for her graduate program. Stiller is thrilled, but his adoptive parents and wife, played by Patricia Arquette, are not.

Leoni's character takes the family on a wild goose chase across the country trying to find Mel's real parents. Each time that they find "the one," it turns out to be a mistake. I do not know what adoption agency Leoni is from, but I would only recommend it to people who never want to learn the truth about their families.

The three of them traveling together are like seventh graders. The wife is upset that her husband is attracted to the beautiful adoption agent, and the adoption agent is on the rebound from a messy divorce, so she is all over the husband. Mel tried to make himself a harem by keeping both of them. He's not the most charming of men.

In their travels, they meet up with an old high school friend of Arquette's, and his bisexual lover. So now we end up with a love pentagon. In the final half hour, which is actually quite funny, these five characters meet up with Alan Alda and Lily Tomlin, playing Mel's real parents, who end up being LSD touting ex-hippies. There are typical Hollywood misunderstandings and mixups and in the end everyone gets in on the act.

Disregarding the crude, all-too-open sexual language and partnering of the movie, and the rather predictable events that occur, the last half of the movie is actually worth something. I attribute this to Alda, Tomlin, and Mel's hilariously neurotic, yet stereotypically Jewish, mother (Mary Tyler Moore) and father (George Segal). Leoni's character was a home-wrecking witch with no likability whatsoever.

Arquette's little wife was cute but she, like everyone else in this movie, was a little too horny to be normal. This movie is like Love Fest '96. If you are high on something and feel the need to join this little commune, feel free to see this movie. All of us boring sane people will refrain from flirting with this disaster.

PHOTO COURTESY MIRAMAX PICTURES

**Tea Leoni helps Ben Stiller find his natural parents in the lackluster comedy *Flirting With Disaster*.**

***Mrs. Winterbourne***

We have all seen *While You Were Sleeping*, right? This movie is just a poor attempt to ride on its lofty coattails. It has the potential to be as excellent as its predecessor, but it does not have the acting talent of Sandra Bullock, or the chemistry of Bullock and Bill Pullman.

Ricki Lake is a great talk show host. She beams and sighs and looks so sympathetic when her trashy guests complain about their lives. It is her sense of superiority and sophistication that forces her guests to look up to her and respect her, even as she insults them. This is her calling. It was a mistake to place her in the role of Connie, a "white trash" Jersey girl who goes to New York City to seek her fortune. It was apparent that Lake had to try very hard to be Connie. Too hard. Connie's character was a harsh stereotype of the low-class Jersey girl with the thick accent and poor manners. She wore frumpy clothes, never brushed her hair, and swore as often as possible. Casting Lake in this role was obviously just an attempt to lure young audiences in to see her.

We all know the drill: A pregnant, but husbandless Connie meets Hugh Winterbourne (played by Brenden Fraser) on a train with his wife, Patricia, who is also pregnant. There is a train crash where both Winterbournes die. Connie is taken back to Boston, where all assume that she is Patricia Winterbourne. Shirley MacClain plays Grace Winterbourne, who welcomes Connie and her son into the fabulously wealthy Winterbourne estate with open arms. The only one who smells something fishy is Hugh's twin brother, who quizzes Connie about aspects of Hugh's life in an effort to expose her. Now what does this sound like? Yep, it's that predictable. Of course, there is the murder plot twist, but it's not that interesting.

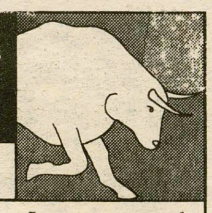
Brenden Fraser is romantic and sweet as both Winterbournes. MacClain is hilarious as always as Grace. However, Lake and the actor playing the slimy father of her child are just horrible. They forget the old adage that less is more. Their ineptitudes just make Fraser and the rest of the cast shine even brighter.

Although it cannot compare to the classic *While You Were Sleeping*, it is still a sweet and enjoyable comedy. I winced every time that Lake opened her mouth and shuddered whenever she swore, but I guess that just kept me on my toes. As with most movies recently, the second half is much better than the first. So watch the movie, and if you get sick of Lake's acting in the first half, go buy a soda or some popcorn and make it back for the grand finale at the end.

PHOTO COURTESY TRISTAR PICTURES

**Actress turned talk show host turned actress Ricki Lake dances with Brendan Fraser in *Mrs. Winterbourne*.**

# HOROSCOPES



*FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1-7*

FORSEEN BY DR. WONKA
A&E ASTROLOGER

**TAURUS**
**(APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

This weekend, have some fun. Your work is done, the weather is nice and it's time to relax. But come Monday, it's time to get back to work.

**GEMINI**
**(MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

Although you may not be totally sure where you are living next year, do not worry because things will work out. You will find that a friend from above will help you out.

**CANCER**
**(JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

The dismal weather this week may have gotten you a little down. It is now time to forget the outside environment and concentrate on cheering up.

**LEO**
**(JULY 23-AUGUST 22)**

This weekend (4/20) should prove to be an interesting one. The weather is right, the flowers are starting to bud, and a fun time should be had by all.

**VIRGO**
**(AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)**

This weekend may be a good one to get off-campus. Perhaps being cooped up in your room all spring has gotten to you.

**LIBRA**
**(SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22)**

It seems as if your load got a little heavy this week. Although it seemed like a pain at the time, your efforts have been well rewarded. Keep up the good work.

**SCORPIO**
**(OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 22)**

Try not to wear your serious face all the time. Loosen up and enjoy the remaining few weeks on the Hill. Get your summer plans in order or you may find yourself with no cash.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 22)**

Your friends are getting impatient with your unending commitments. Shirk your responsibilities and hang out this weekend. Take your buddies to the Glen and boom around.

**CAPRICORN**
**(DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 22)**

Your illness has been passed on to others. Try to be more courteous when you randomly hook up. Also, try to spend more time in the studio because your artwork is severely suffering.

**AQUARIUS**
**(JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 22)**

Expect some good news in the next few days regarding your family. It should help you out, so definitely be sure to thank them. As a result, you will also be able to devote more time to your studies.

**PISCES**
**(FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)**

Your initial plan of visiting a friend this weekend fell through, but it may be for the better. You need to spend less time concerning yourself with your friends and more time worrying about getting your final projects completed.

**ARIES**
**(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)**

The end of the semester is approaching and your work still needs to get done. Take some time out of your weekend to get that paper or studying done. It's not worth it to sit around and wait until the last minute.


TURN ON YOUR COMPUTER AND GET A WHOLE UNIVERSITY.

You can come to class at any time from anywhere. All it takes is a computer, a modem and enrollment in The New School's Distance Instruction for Adult Learners program.
The New School is a fully accredited university and has been the innovator and leader of adult education since 1919.
DIAL lets you come "online" to our Greenwich Village campus in New York City and log on to your choice of over 50 credit and non-credit courses.
Summer courses begin June 5. Call today for a DIAL brochure about distance learning so you can come to school when you want to.

BUSINESS & CAREERS
SOCIAL SCIENCES
HUMANITIES
LANGUAGE

WRITING PROGRAM
MUSIC & THEATER
COMPUTER INSTRUCTION
COMMUNICATION

DIAL

Courses, Controversy and Enlightenment Since 1919

The New School
66 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011
e-mail: info@dialsa.edu www address: http://dialnsa.edu/home.html

1-800-319-4321 Ext. 55

# Calendar & Movies



## LECTURES

**Tonight:** As a part of Womyn's Energy Week, **Angela Y. Davis**, the author of Women, Race and Class, will give the **Keynote Address** tonight at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. The lecture is sponsored by the Womyn's Community Center and will be followed by a reception in Dwight Lounge.

**Saturday:** Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer will present a performance/lecure entitled **"Women and Song: Work Songs and Early Country Music"** tonight in Room 201, Schambach Center. This musical lecture is brought to you by the Department of Music, Women's Studies, Economics and Faculty for Women's Concerns.

## FILM

***Copycat.*** Sigourney Weaver plays a psychiatrist who specializes in serial killers. She suffers from agoraphobia and her only link to the outside world is her computer. A serial killer who copies the methods of famous serial killers (hence the title) threatens her on-line. Holly Hunter plays a cop who is on the trail of the killer. Together they try to identify him and, hopefully, despatch him.

**College 300 Films.**
At 3 and 7:30 pm in the K-J Auditorium.
Monday:
Sweetie
Wednesday:
Naked

## ARTS

***Leonce and Lena:*** Catch the final two performances of this stellar play. Showtimes are tonight and Saturday night at 8 pm.

**Tonight:** Come see two seniors, Helen Lee, soprano, and Philip Poh, tenor, perform in Wellin Hall at 8 pm this evening.

**Saturday:** Catch comedian **Robbie Printz** at the Events Barn. The Campus Activites Board brings you side-splitting humor. The laughs start at 8 pm, so don't be late!

**Sunday and Tuesday:** The Oratorio Society Symposium presents two days of quality music. Take a study break and watch Hamilton students perform in Wellin Hall at 4 pm. Catch another performance at 8 pm Tuesday night to watch this musical sensation.

**Next Friday:** The Campus Activities Board presents comedian **Lance Montalto** at 8 pm in the Events Barn. You will leave with tears rolling down your cheeks from laughing so hard.

## CHECK IT OUT

**Tuesday:** The Campus Activities Board brings another **Acoustic Coffehouse** to campus. Come and jam with John Gorka and Lucy Kaplansky in the Events Barn at 8 pm.

**Wednesday:** Groove on down to the Events Barn at 8:30 to hear guitarist **Stephen Prymas'** senior recital. It is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

**Thursday:** CAB lets you lose yourself in illusion! Come visit the world of virtual reality from 5-11 pm in the Events Barn.

**FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/**

# MOVIES

**FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-APRIL 18**

### SANGERTOWN • 797-2121

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *James & the Giant Peach* | *8:10, 10* | *Homeward Bound* | *12:35 2:35* |
| *Fear* | *7:25, 9:45* | *Oliver and Company* | |
| *Flirting With Disaster* | *6:50 9:55* | *Fri.-Thurs.* | *12:30 2:30* |
| *The Birdcage* | *7:15, 9:50* | *Celtic Pride* | *7:00 9:35* |
| *Primal Fear* | *6:30, 9:30* | *Mrs. Winterbourne* | *7:10 9:40* |
| *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate* | *6:40, 9:25* | *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* *Sneak Preview* | |
| *Sgt. Bilko* | *7:20, 9:30* | *Saturday* | *8:00* |

### 7 CLINTON CINEMA • 853-5553

*Call for information*

### UP TOWN • 797-0020

*Call for information*

### ON CAMPUS IN KJ

*Copycat*
*Friday, Sunday 7:30*
*Saturday 10:00*

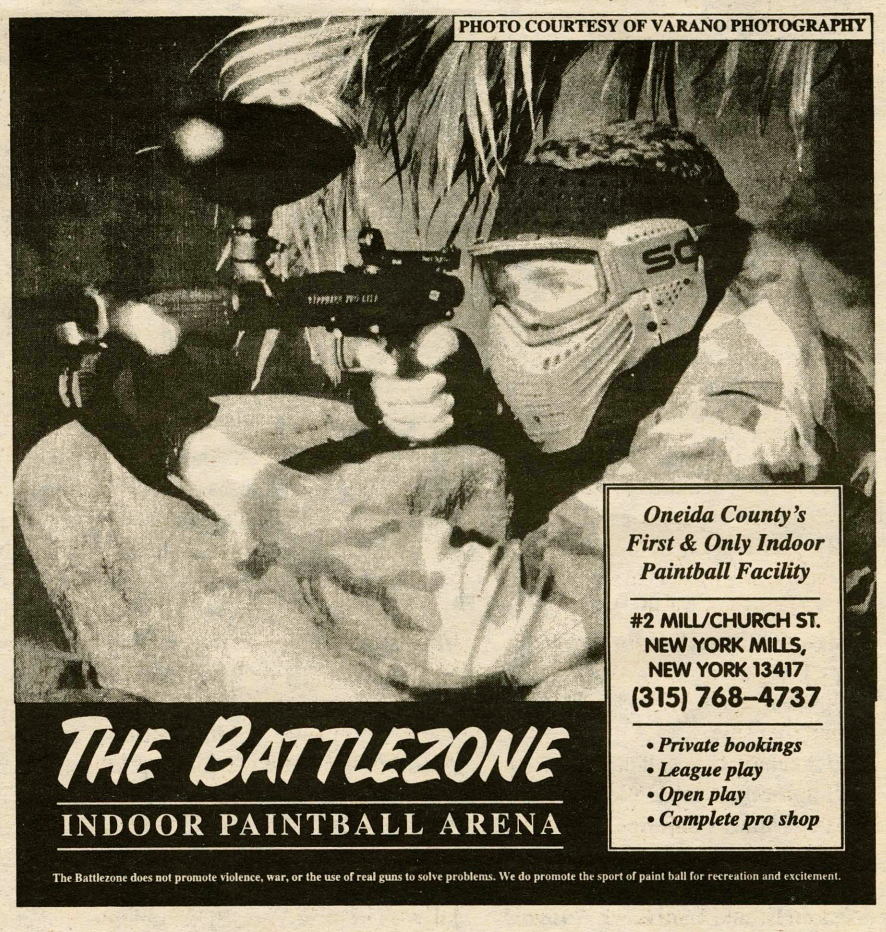



PHOTO COURTESY OF VARANO PHOTOGRAPHY
THE BATTLEZONE
INDOOR PAINTBALL ARENA
Oneida County's First & Only Indoor Paintball Facility
#2 MILL/CHURCH ST.
NEW YORK MILLS,
NEW YORK 13417
(315) 768-4737
• Private bookings
• League play
• Open play
• Complete pro shop
The Battlezone does not promote violence, war, or the use of real guns to solve problems. We do promote the sport of paint ball for recreation and excitement.

# The call of the Great Outdoors: H.O.C. on!

By Ian Howitt '99
SPORTS STAFF

The Hamilton Outing Club, also known as the H.O.C., is one of the college's lesser known and out spoken societies. In the past, the club has been fairly low key. H.O.C. has run some climbing and hiking trips to the Adirondacks, rented gear to its members and helped out with Adirondack Adventure.

Three years ago the Outting Club was a mess. The leaders were very experienced in technical fields, but they lacked the leadership and organizational skills required to run a quality operation. There were relatively few trips and the ones that were planned had low attendance. Gear was often lost for long periods of time due to the poor records kept by the officials. Then two years ago the Outting Club was taken over by the officers who hold its leadership today. Erik Jacobson and Brett Straton took the club over and a major period of growth began. Over the last two years enrollment in the club has been on a continual increase as well as the overall quality of the club. Gradually more and better gear has been bought including tents, stoves, climbing ropes, ice tools, and sleeping pads.

An increase of trips has also been a trademark of the new leadership. The first High Peeks hiking trip was launched last fall. The goal is to have a Hamilton student on every one of the 46 high peeks in the Adirondacks over the course of a weekend. Although, due to poor weather, not all peeks were summited, the students who participated showed an enthusiasm and effort that was inspiring.

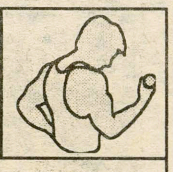
Along with the High Peeks Weekend there was winter hiking, the fall foliage trip, X-Country skiing and snowshoeing trips, as well as numerous rock climbing trips this spring. The rock climbing section of the Outing Club has taken off tremendously this year with the emergence of experienced and enthusiastic first years. Every Thursday the Outing Club takes interested members out to sample climbing at the area crag.

Currently the Outing Club's most ambitious project is the lobbying for the construction of a thirty five foot tall and twenty foot wide indoor climbing wall. A wooden structure with interchangeable plastic holds, the top of the line climbing facility would be located in either the Alumni gym or the field house. While negotiations are still under way with school officials prospects for the wall look good. Space and security is a major issue in building the wall. However, as long as there exists a strong demand within the school for the facility a space will inevitably be found. Thus, if you feel that a climbing wall would be a good addition to the school, please vocalize your support by either e-mailing or writing the President's office as well as the Director of Athletics. They hold the final decision.

The main transformation occurring within the Outing Club, however, is the caliber of its members. While, in the past, the inner circle of the club consisted of a few closed off individuals. Now the club has begun to encompass a much larger group of outdoors enthusiasts with diverse backgrounds and interests. H.O.C is not just a club, but a true society. This trend may lie in the fact that more and more students are becoming dissatisfied with the typical college life of drinking and sleeping. They look to do more with their precious four years than the norm. There are valuable personal lessons and rewarding good that one can only learn in the outdoors.

The officers of the Outing Club were inspired by a very positive survey of the prospectives during open house. Many among those who have decided to come to Hamilton next year expressed their strong desire to become heavily involved in the club. This ensures a strong future for the rapidly growing organization. However, experience is secondary to enthusiasm when the longevity of the club is considered. Anyone who is looking to spice up their college experience should stop by and get to know the club. H.O.C. has fully renovated its headquarters, creating an inviting atmosphere and everyone is encouraged to come over to Benedict basement and check it out. And again we ask you to vocalize your support for the proposed wall. A climbing facility would bring a needed alternative activity to Hamilton and make the school truly unique among other small liberal arts colleges.

## THE HAMILTON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**BOB "TUNA" FISH**
**SOPHOMORE**

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

**Sophomore Bob Fish took first place in the shot put with a toss of 13.58 meters at the UCAA Championship on Saturday.**

**Better known to the Hamilton community as "Tuna," this government major also plays Continental football during the fall season. Watch Tuna tramp on the Middlebury Panthers this Saturday.**

**Congratulations Tuna, you are the Hamilton *Athlete of the Week!***

Compiled By Spectator Sports

# Baseball goes 'Dutch' in doubleheader with Union

By Mark Granovsky '98
SPORTS EDITOR

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

**The Continentals put on an offensive display on Thursday in a doubleheader against the Union Dutchmen, capped off by John Kowalczik's grandslam in the second game.**

Like the weather, the men's baseball team has played inconsistently. This week proved no exception. The Continentals went 1-2 and continued their struggle to find a groove in the 1996 season. Hamilton falls to 6-11 on the season.

The Continentals faced the Utica Pioneers last Monday in the tenth annual Jackie Robinson game. The meeting was rescheduled after poor weather the previous weekend. The delay proved no help to the Continentals as they fell 5-0. Matt Mortier pitched a complete game shutout in the win and was named the game MVP. He allowed six hits and three walks, while striking out two. Mike Perlman '98 was named the Hamilton MVP going 2-3 with two singles. Sean Fay '98 also had a solid game with two hits. Hamilton won the two previous contests against the Pioneers, but are 7-2 overall in the series.

Thursday marked a turn for the Continentals. Hamilton hosted the Union Dutchmen in a rescheduled doubleheader. The first game was a pitching duel as Matt Klumpp '98 gave a strong six innings. Hamilton, unfortunately, lost the game 3-1. Klumpp held the Dutchmen to only three hits with three strikeouts. Union scored three runs in the fifth inning on a pair of doubles, a walk, and an error. The offense proved enough as the Continentals could not muster any sort of retaliation. The lone run came in the fourth inning. With one out Fay hit a double and took third on a pass ball. Scott Basztura '98 hit a single to drive Fay home, but that was the only output of the game. Things would prove different in the second game.

John Kowalczik '96 led off the first inning with a double and scored on a double by Aaron Simon '96 to take a 1-0 lead. Simon scored the second run on a John Taglaferri single. Union added two runs and Hamilton had a 3-2 lead until the fourth inning. Then the Continentals broke out for six runs. Basztura led off with a single and was balked to second. Mike Perlman walked and was balked to second, followed by a walk to John English '98. John Kowalczik entered with the bases loaded and hit a grandslam to push the score to 7-2. Manufactured runs by Brian Guastella '98 and Basztura brought Hamilton to 9-2 after four innings. Although there were some tense moments, the Conts won 9-7 to split the doubleheader. Shawn Swistak '99 got the win and Joe Rowbottom '98 pitched a scoreless seventh to record the save.

The Conts play four games this weekend, hosting RIT on Saturday and Rochester on Sunday.

# Hamilton track hurdles all opponents in UCAA's

COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

The men's and women's track team has began the season in a sprint. Both teams are undefeated in their only duel meet match of the season against Union. The men won the meet by a final score of 89-74, while the women defeated the competition 89-50. Hamilton then travelled to Rensselaer in Troy, NY for the UCAA Championship.

Feeling has run high after the impressive victory. "We've worked through alot of injuries and we are slowly getting healthy aiming towards NESCAC's and States," remarked captain Brunk. Tami Koch '96 agrees with Brunk. "We have worked hard as a team this year, which has led to some great individual performances."

The men were paced by ten first place victories in the meet. Highlights include victories by Captain Dave Brunk '96 in the 400 hurdles, Joe Woods '99 in the triple jump, Sam Hoffman '96 in the hammer, and Rob Whelan '98 in the 400 meters. Double event winners include Tom Capo '97 in the 3000m steeple chase and 5000 meter run, Bob "Tuna" Fish in the shot and discus and Chip Gibbons '96 in the pole vault and 110m high hurdles. Women recorded equal success in the tournament. First place winners for the women include Erica Mitchell '99 in the 400m hurdles, Tiffany Chapell '98 in the 200m, Tara Woolford in the shot, and Cathy Michaels '96 in the 3000m.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

**The Continentals' "special training exercises" have propelled them to an undefeated dual-meet record and success in the UCAA's.**

## This Week In Hamilton Sports

| Go Conts! | Men's Baseball | Men's Golf | Men's Lacrosse | Women's Lacrosse | Men's Tennis | Women's Softball | Track & Field |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Friday April 19 | | | Clarkson 4 pm | St. Lawrence 4 pm | Nazareth Tournament TBA | | |
| Saturday April 20 | RIT (2) 1 pm | Match Play Champ. 1 pm | St. Lawrence 2 pm | Clarkson 3 pm | | St. John Fisher(2) 1 pm | Middlebury 1 pm |
| Sunday April 21 | Rochester (2) Noon | | | | | | |
| Monday April 22 | | Skidmore Invt'l 10 am | | Oneonta 4:30 pm | LeMoyne 4 pm | Rensselaer (2) 3 pm | |
| Tuesday April 23 | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday April 24 | | | Elmira 4 pm | | Union 3 pm | | |
| Thursday April 25 | Albany (1) 3 pm | | | Hartwick 4 pm | | | |
| Friday April 26 | | | Union 4 pm | | NESCAC @ Amherst | | |

Indicates Home Game  Indicates Away Game

# Jets ready for NFL draft

## *What to do with 1st pick?*

TripMacCracken Scorecard

**In the NBA:** The Bulls record-breaking 70th win of the season was by no means a surprise. Yet, that doesn't diminish the achievement. In terms of consistency, Jordan & Co. are now in the history books. Whether they'll stack up as the best of all time will be determined in the playoffs. Anything less than a championship will certainly be a disappointment... Kind of ironic, wasn't it, that Magic Johnson, who was the most outspoken of all the Lakers in criticizing teammates Cedric Ceballos and Nick Van Exel for their detrimental conduct during the Laker playoff run, was himself suspended for three games for bumping a ref. Johnson tried to argue that the ref bumped into him. Please. If you happened to see the replay, you saw Johnson chase the ref, and quite clearly, run into him. Instead of trying to excuse his way out of his actions, Johnson should just admit that he screwed up, that he's sorry, and forget about it... Portland's Rod Strickland has been assured that he will be traded this summer, since he didn't see eye to eye with coach P.J. Carlesimo. Everywhere Strickland has been in his NBA career, he's been unhappy. With his talent, though, there will always be a team willing to take a chance on him... The Mavericks were purchased on Tuesday by a group led by Ross Perot, Jr.

• • •

**In Baseball:** The Red Sox 2-12 record has broken the franchise record for the slowest start... Atlanta's Ryan Klesko, on the contrary, is off to a hot start. He needs just two more homers to tie the team record for home runs in April, set by Dale Murphy, who hit nine in 1979 and 1985... In fact, homers throughout the league are being hit at a record pace. Through Monday, 371 homers had been hit, as compared to 354 in 1987, a year which saw a season record 4,458... The umpires around the league apparently haven't changed their strike zone, despite the new rule, which extends the strike zone below the knee. In fact, Ken Kaiser, an umpire in the American League, says that telling umpires to change their strike zone was foolish: "It's like telling a left-hander who's hit left-handed for 25 years, "Now, you're going to hit right-handed."... NASCAR driver Terry Labonte was in Baltimore this week to throw out the first pitch in the Orioles game against Boston. Labonte is slated to start his record 514th consecutive Winston Cup race and had some advice for fellow Iron Man Cal Ripken, Jr. on breaking a slump: "Change teams."

• • •

**In the NFL:** The Jets have the first pick in Saturday's Draft, and speculation has been that they'll go with either Nebraska running back Lawrence Phillips or USC wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson. Phillips has emerged as the consensus top player in the draft, however, his troubles off the field might cause some teams to shy away. Phillips got into trouble this past fall for abusing his girlfriend, and has been in counseling ever since. Phillips will be the first player taken, but it won't be by the Jets. They'll trade the pick to the highest bidder, possibly the Rams or the Cardinals... Former Dallas Cowboy Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett's son, Anthony, is likely to be a late round selection. The younger Dorsett plays defensive back, and doesn't mind being the son of the former Heisman winner. He says, "I was born into this thing. So all of my life, that's been the situation. It doesn't make it any harder."

• • •

**In the NHL:** In the Rangers-Canadiens playoff series, New York fans have to hope for no more overtime. The Canadiens have won 12 consecutive overtime playoff games, dating to 1993... The Bruins continued their streak of making the playoffs, now at 29 years... Chicago had gone 0-2-2 against Calgary before defeating the Flames 4-1 in their playoff opener... Colorado's Claude Lemieux, last year's playoff MVP with the Devils, continued his tradition of playing bigger in the playoffs, as he tallied three assists in the Avalanche's 5-2 win over Vancouver.

# Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor,Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

| Specially Selected Sporting Events | Mark Granovsky *Spectator Sports Editor* | Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor* | Jason Santarcangelo *Associate Editor* | Damon Lopez O'Dwyer *Associate Editor* | Avery Cook Junior *Guest #11* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Last Week: 7-5 To date: 79-44 | Last Week: 8-4 To date: 83-40 | Last Week: 8-4 To date: 88-35 | Last Week: 9-3 To date: 78-45 | Last Week's Guest: Matt Outten '96 9-3 |
| **NHL** | | | | | |
| Philadelphia at Tampa Bay 4/21 | Philadelphia | Philadelphia | Philadelphia | Philadelphia | Philadelphia |
| Washington at Pittsburgh 4/19 | Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh | Washington | Pittsburgh |
| NY Rangers at Montreal 4/21 | Montreal | New York | Montreal | New York | Montreal |
| Florida at Boston 4/24 | Boston | Boston | Boston | Boston | Florida |
| Detroit at Winnipeg 4/21 | Detroit | Detroit | Detroit | Detroit | Detroit |
| Colorado at Vancouver 4/20 | Vancouver | Colorado | Vancouver | Colorado | Colorado |
| Chicago at Calgary 4/21 | Chicago | Chicago | Chicago | Calgary | Chicago |
| Toronto at St. Louis 4/21 | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis |
| **NBA** | | | | | |
| Chicago at Washington 4/21 | Chicago | Chicago | Chicago | Chicago | Chicago |
| Detroit at Milwaukee 4/21 | Detroit | Detroit | Detroit | Detroit | Detroit |
| New York at Boston 4/21 | New York | New York | New York | New York | New York |
| Minnesota at LA Lakers 4/20 | Los Angeles | Los Angeles | Los Angeles | Los Angeles | Minnesota |

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.


**For the Latest Updates & Info on Hamilton Athletics**

**Call the Continental Sports Hotline 859-4949**

**Updated Mon., Wed., Sat., Sun.**

**Brought to you by: The Hamilton Office of Sports Information**

# Hamilton holds court at UCAA's
## *Tennis brings bronze back to Hill*

By Jeff Goralnick '98
SPORTS STAFF

After a somewhat shaky start to the spring season, the Continental men's tennis squad has started to roll.

Going into the weekend with a 7-10 record, Hamilton traveled to Hobart College for the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) Mens Tennis Championships. Seven teams were involved in the tournament, and Hamilton received a #3 seed to start the tournament. Their first match came against #6 seed Union College.

Playing an unusual 8 game pro-set singles format, the Continentals struggled to a hard fought 6-1 victory. Victories by the teams of J.W. Hobson and Jed Whitlock, and Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer and Andrew Shoaff gave Hamilton the much needed doubles point. Whitlock, Walker, Nussbaum, Lopez-O'Dwyer, and Keyes-Grevelis were victorious in singles.

After the victory over Union, the Continentals advanced to take on second seed Hobart College, who proved to be too much for Hamilton. Hobart, Hamilton's archrival, defeated the Continentals in the semi-finals of the Flower City Tournament six months prior in a thrilling 4-3 victory. Hamilton was out for revenge.

> "With a couple breaks here and there and with Whitlock's presence, we could have beaten Hobart and given Skidmore a run for their money."
> -- Coach Scott Smith

In the doubles venue, Hobart was too tough sweeping the Continentals. In singles, however, things were close. At the #1 spot, Hobson faced All-American Adam Shapiro who proved too tough even for the talented Hobson. In the second doubles slot, Jed Whitlock suffered a devastating ankle injury early in the first set and was forced to retire. Whitlock's injury has put him out for the season. At the #3 spot, captain Sam Walker breezed through his match by a score of 6-3, 6-0. Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer dropped a close and gritty 6-4, 6-1 serve and volley affair, which gave Hobart the 4-1 victory. At the time of Lopez-O'Dwyer's loss, it was 1 am and the coaches called the match. Nussbaum and Keyes-Grevelis were early in there matches when the cancellation call was made.

After six hours of well deserved rest, the Continentals returned to the indoor confines at Hobart to face St. Lawrence for 3rd place. In 48 hours, the Continentals would take on St. Lawerence once again. Without Whitlock and St. Lawrence void of there #2 and #4 players, Hamilton was able to defeat the Saints 7-0. Walker defeated his opponent at the #2 slot 6-3, 6-3, upping his weekend singles record to 3-0 and overall season record to 18-2. Hobson, Nussbaum, Lopez-O'Dwyer, and Keyes-Grevelis were all two set victors in the final match of the weekend. Scott Smith had this reaction to Hamilton's third place finish at the UCAA's. "With a couple breaks here and there and with Whitlock's presence, we could have beaten Hobart and given Skidmore (the other finalist) a run for their money."

On Tuesday, the Continentals travelled to Canton, NY to take on St. Lawrence University again. On this day, however, the match was much closer. Playing a 9 point format with doubles worth a point each, and Hamilton, playing with new doubles teams was able to win 2 out of 3 doubles matches. Walker and Hobson, playing at the one spot, were able to come back from a 7-5 deficit to win in a tiebreaker. Lopez-O'Dwyer and Shoaff won their match 8-6 as Lopez-O'Dwyer showed the fans that he is serving giant. Up 2-1, Hamilton split the first four singles matches. Nussbaum, who has been excellent tennis as of late, won his first set in a tiebreaker and then gritted out a 6-4 second set to give Hamilton its third point. Lopez-O'Dwyer struggled to a first set loss but came up with a lot of gusto, winning the second and third sets with ease. Ben Pinchin played a hard fought match but came up on the losing end of things. Hobson, bothered by shoulder problems, won the first set but lost to his consistent opponent in a three set war. Up 4-3, Sam Walker and Steve-Keyes-Grevelis hit the court. Walker, whose opponent sat out the other day, was in for a war. He won the first 6-3, but his opponent's serve proved too much and Walker suffered a 7-6 second loss. But the mental warrior, Sam Walker would not give up. Time after time, Walker came up with passing shots and tenacious play that thwarted his opponent's effort. At 5-5 in the third set, Walker was down 15-40 on his serve, but he was able to win the game and then brake his St. Lawrence foe and give Hamilton their 10th victory of the season. Grevelis lost his match in a third set tiebreaker .

This weekend, the Conts travel to Rochester, where they will enter the Nazareth Marketplace tournament, and then Monday they will play LeMoyne here at Hamilton at 4:00. This is Hamilton's fourth year in the Marketplace tourney and they have won two second place finishes and a first place finish. Hamilton looks for a second gold trophy.

**Check the *Spec* online at:**
**http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/studentmedia/spectator/**

# Hangovers, Huck Touhey, and the Hamilton Blue Ruggers

By Will Warren '97
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

As the Winter snow melts-hopefully for the last time-it leaves the precarious surface of Minor field laden with mud. A brisk bright day, a brilliant blue sky and a right-loud squish beneath your boots. Indeed, it is verily the ideal time of the year for the Hamilton College Rugby Football Club.

Hamilton's ruggers play two seasons a year: Spring and Fall. Despite the fact that Fall rugby is organized around a predetermined schedule and that it is during the fall when divisional playoffs are held, it is the spring season which best embodies the spirit of the sport. During this second season, Blue Rugby is on tour: there is no designated group of teams to play and all collegiate league restrictions are non binding. This enables teams to participate in tourneys where they incur the opportunity to play against clubs with a stronger program than theirs. While this is often a trying process, it proves to be exceptionally educational, particularly for teams like Hamilton's whose low budget precludes obtaining a coach.

> A brisk bright day, a brilliant blue sky, and a right-loud squish beneath your boots. Indeed, it is verily the ideal time of the year for the Hamilton College Rugby Football Club.

There are very few feelings akin to rolling out of bed on an early Saturday morning, fairly incapacitated from the previous evening's festivities, and heading over to Dunham's parking lot: the cite of departure for the weekly tour. One of the nice perks of our chosen sport is the great leniency we carry in terms of typical training rules. It is this player's personal feeling that rugby is a sport best played a bit hung-over, as that state of mind lends a degree of flexibility to the limbs and deadens the nerve endings, sufficiently decreasing the body's ability to sense injury.

It was with a mind set of this type that Blue Rugby left at eight o'clock on last Saturday to embark on a three hour trek to Williams College to participate in their annual Invitational Tournament. The Tournament consisted of sides hailing from Williams, Trinity, Yale University, Union, Middlebury and UVM. At a double elimination affair Hamilton's ruggers were guaranteed at least two games. We were slated to play UVM (first followed by Yale), and accordingly, the morale among our team was less than ideal. We assumed that we would be made into mincemeat. That, however, was not the way the story would unfold. Indeed, Blue Rugby lost both matches, but we truly held our own. If our starting wing, Ken Picarello '97, had not been MIA following a rough St. Thomas party, it would have been entirely plausible that Hamilton could have won the day.

As a unit, we are fairly new, having lost nine seniors from last Spring. This season, despite its rebuilding status, the club shows more promise than I have ever seen in my previous three year's experience. We learned quite a bit during our day at Williamstown and began to actually begin to play like a true team. "It really felt like we began to gel out there," remarked outside center Gary Bisbee '97.

Bisbee, a rookie is one of several new comers to the team upon whom we are looking to help establish our claim to the division title next Fall. Other rookie standouts include two new Locks, Buff Radil '97, Josh Roy '97, and Picarello who with veteran Seth Crockett '97 form Hamilton's two Wings. In addition to this mix come the veteran talents of Inside Center Dan Mckenna '96, wing forwards Nick Jacobs '96 and Dave Bolger '99, and a solid pack anchored by Props Jeff "Big Daddy" Michael 97 and Brian "I used to be a fullback" Holt '96. Blue Rugby has genius at its helm with the likes of Senior Captains Spoon Hayden, and Flyhalf extrordinare Huck Touhey. Rugby is scheduled to play Hobart on the 27th and appear in a tri-meet against Union and Middlebury on May third. We hope to see you on the pitch.

# 'Speedy fast chick ruggers' capture third place at Colgate Tournament

By Betsy Knice '96
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

Last Saturday the Women's Rugby team traveled to Colgate to participate in their annual spring tournament. The team played their first game against host Colgate. Out manned and outsized, the Hamilton women came out tough, holding the Red Raiders scoreless through the first 20 minutes of the game. "The speed and the kicking ability of the soccer players really helped us hang tough in those crucial first 10 minutes" said Captain Betsy Knice '96. Hamilton came back strong after Colgate's initial score. A key tackle was made by Erica Weissinger '98 which allowed the back line to take control of the ball. Sarah Mason '96 and Jenn Cooper '98 advanced the ball until being tackled by a Colgate prop. Meg Jones '96 picked up the loose ball and broke through the Colgate line and scored a try. Sarah Mason connected on the after- try kick. This drive gave Hamilton a 7-5 lead at the half. Hamilton played a defensive second half. The team won many scrums due to the fancy footwork of hooker Allison Gordon '98 and strong push of 8-man Betsy Knice '96. Strong plays by Mason, Jones, and Susan Armstrong '98 were not enough as a highly conditioned Colgate team scored twice more in the final 8 minutes. Colgate won the game 17-7.

> The team won many scrums due to the fancy footwork of hooker Allison Gordon '98 and the strong push of 8-man Betsy Knice '96.

The next game was against SUNY Cortland. Without the luxury of substitutes, the Hamilton team began the mudfest with a strong kickoff return. Despite a sore ankle, Cat Fraim '98 made several key tackles that prevented Cortland from scoring. Rookies Niamey Pender '99, Shannon Leonard '99, and Abby Barbieri '99, Sarah Kidd '99, and Sam Packer '98 played a solid game. Several long runs and key punts were made by Mason, Jones, and Knice but muddy field conditions and an aggressive Cortland team prevented the team from scoring. At the end of regulation with the score tied at 0-0, the game would be decided on penalty kicks. Sarah Mason and her leg of steel would once again be put to the test. From 22 Meters out, Mason connected on her kick, giving Hamilton a 2-0 win and the third place title. Leading scorer Sarah Mason commented on the game saying "We should be really proud of ourselves. We're a young team with a lot of potential.."

The Hamilton Women's team is a student-run organization led by Captains Betsy Knice '96 and Christine Neufeld '96. Native Australian Steve Watt '98 volunteered to coach and help the women's team improve at "the game they play in heaven." He has been instrumental in the teams success. Jaimee Smith '99 commented, "Steve has done a great job in teaching us skills. We're a really tricky team; he (Coach Watt) has taught us some new plays that will really surprise our opponents." The next rugby game will be on Saturday on TDX Field. Bring your friends and come watch the hard-hitting, speedy fast chick ruggers beat RPI.

SpectatorSports



# Werkhoven, Tekkora named All-Americans

Seniors Karen Werkhoven (Washington Depot, CT) and Baran Tekkora (Istanbul, Turkey) were elected to the GTE Academic All-America First Team Fall/Winter At-Large Squads. Only 15 student-athletes are selected nationally in each category. Hamilton was the only college to have a student-athlete elected to both teams.

Werkhoven is a mathematics major with a 4.0 grade point average. Her class rank is 11th out of 409 students, and she is the winner of three prize scholarships. She played attack for the field hockey team, which finished 8-7 this season, and was team captain. Werkhoven started all 15 games, and had seven goals and 11 assists, making her the team leader in points with 18. She also tied the school record of 11 assists in one season.

Over her four years at Hamilton, Werkhoven has earned all-academic league honors every season in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) and New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), and was named to the Field Hockey National Academic Squad in 1993, 1994 and 1995. She was elected to the NYSWCAA All-State teams in 1993, 1994 and 1995, as well as the Division III Regional All-America second team in each of those years. She also played in the prestigious Division III North/South All-Star game in North Carolina at the conclusion of this past season. Werkhoven will graduate Phi Beta Kappa from Hamilton in May.

Tekkora, a double major in mathematics and economics, also has earned a 4.0 GPA. He started all 13 games for the soccer team that finished with a 7-5-2 record. Tekkora, also a captain, was the team leader in scoring with 18 points (eight goals, two assists). He registered two hat tricks on the year, in wins against Utica College and SUNY Utica-Rome. Tekkora was named Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) Player of the Week for the week of October 23 and was a UCAA Second Team All-Star. He was also named to the NESCAC and UCAA Academic All-Conference teams. He ranks 8th out of 409 students and he will graduate Phi Beta Kappa in May.

# Herons soar over women's lax

## *Conts still perched atop UCAA*

By Brian Green '96
SPORTS STAFF

Heading into Wednesdays contest with William Smith, the women's Lacrosse team was flying high on a four-game win streak. In weather conditions that made April 17th look more like November 17th, the team could not muster the offense that has sparked their play as of late as they took one on the chin losing 20-7. Even the last line of defense, goalie Melissa Hyner '97, was not able to stop the potent attack of the William Smith offense as they peppered her with shots from every angle. This abrupt end to their streak has sent the team back to the drawing board as they begin their stretch drive towards the playoffs with a weekend trip to St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

The Continentals traded goals with the Herons early in the first half and it looked like the women warriors would battle until the last snowflake had fallen. With the score deadlocked at two apiece, however, last years' national finalists took over as they relentlessly attacked the Hamilton defense with crisp passing and accurate shots. Although their efforts appeared helpless at times, the Continentals never gave up despite the frigid conditions and the slippery turf. The Herons offense was led by Jenn Joinides, who buried eight goals, and Kristen McCarthy, who split the pipes five times. For the Continentals, Becky Egan '96 notched three goals, Kate Harris '97 tallied two, and Isabel Roberts '97 and Nicole Vaughan '99 each tossed in a score. What the Conts can hope for is that they will meet William Smith in the playoffs to offer some pay-back for Wednesdays loss.

Despite this loss, the Continentals still find themselves atop the UCAA standings with six wins and three losses. Convincing wins over Rochester and Union last weekend propelled them to their current status. On Friday, Hamilton toyed with Rochester before trouncing them 17-9 amidst flurries and wind. Judy Whitaker '97 led the offense with four goals and an assist while rookie Vaughan and Megan Waters '97 added three goals and one assist each. Roberts and Harris provided two goals and two assists each and center Egan slipped two behind the Rochester keeper. Anni McDonough was an offensive threat for Rochester, scoring four goals for the visitors.

On a rain-soaked turf on Saturday, history was made as Hamilton goalie Melissa Hyner '97 compiled the first-ever shutout by a women's lax goalie on the Hill. In the last three Continental victories, her goals against average has been a stingy 8.50 and her efforts were rewarded with an All-NESCAC Player of the Week honor. Harris continued her attack on opposing goalies as she sniped four more goals to go along with an assist. Waters added three scores, upping her team-leading goal total to 22. Captain Roberts collected two more goals and an assist. She leads the team in points with thirty-three. Egan upped her season point total to 21 with two goals and an assist. Roberts is currently occupying second place in the overall league scoring race and Melissa Hyner leads all goalies with her numbers.

Roberts' leadership on and off the field has not gone unnoticed and the consistent scoring by the nucleus of veterans will be counted on as the team heads into the final stages of the season. Hyner's confidence after the onslaught of William Smith goals will be integral to the success of the team.

With five games left on the regular season schedule, the women need to put together a string of wins to ensure home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Hartwick and Cortland will provide tough tests in the last two games, and to be a state championship contender, Hamilton must beat these strong teams that have given them trouble in the past.

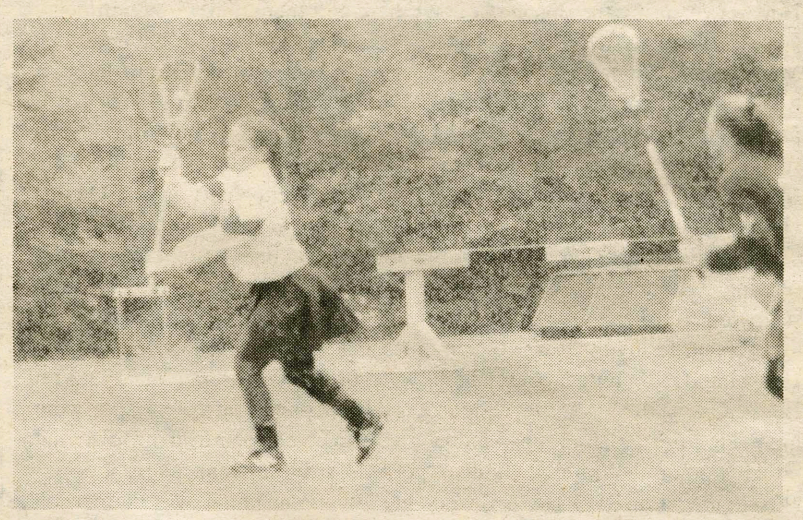


PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

**Women's lacrosse, led by Isabel Roberts '97 and Melissa Hyner '97, has compiled a 6-3 record and sits atop the UCAA standings.**

> **"On a rain-soaked turf on Saturday, history was made as Hamilton goalie Melissa Hyner '97 compiled the first-ever shutout by a women's lax goalie on the Hill."**

# Weather tees off foes, Continentals persevere

Greg Nussbaum '98
SPORTS STAFF

In weather more suitable to St. Andrews then an upstate New York golf course, the Continentals swung through the Hamilton Spring Tee Off at the Skenandoa Club in Clinton with the force of Big Bertha. Amidst miserable, blustery conditions, Hamilton came together as a team to win their only home event of the spring. The Continentals total score was 326, placing them ahead of Utica(330), LeMoyne(333), Oswego(337), RPI(346), and SUNY Tech(398).

The Continentals were led by co-captain Mike Saber '97, who shot a 79 to place third individually among all the participants. The Continentals also received contributions from Jonathan Cornwell '99 who shot an 81, finishing 5th overall. Brett Geruntino, a member of the "B" team also shot an excellent 81, to lead the "B" team to higher finishes than both RPI and SUNY Tech. John Whitwell '98, Darren Fuller '98, and Bryan Richetti '99 all finished within the top 13. Out of the top 13, Hamilton placed 7 golfers.

The Continentals compete at the NESCAC tournament at Williams College on Saturday, and then at Skidmore on the following weekend for the District Championship. It is pivotal that at the District Championship, the Continentals perform well, as they will compete against several nationally ranked teams, including Williams and Amherst, and of course, Skidmore, who is ranked first in the country.

# Hawkanson continues to fly for grounded Continentals

By Todd Monsell '98
SPORTS STAFF

The Hamilton men's lacrosse team finished the week 1-2, defeating Skidmore and dropping contests to Rensselaer and Oswego. The team's record going into today's game with Clarkson stands at 2-6.

Last Friday on Love Field the Continentals checked sticks with Rensselaer, the UCAA's top-ranked team. The Engineers dominated Hamilton throughout, cruising 12-3. Hamilton spotted the Engineers a 7-0 halftime lead before Chris Masotto '98, Bob Hawkanson '98, and Avery Cook '97 scored second half goals to keep the game respectable.

Saturday proved friendlier to Hamilton as the team picked up a strong home win, breaking open a 3-2 halftime score to defeat Skidmore, 8-3. Freshman Dave Maxwell scored two second half goals and Masotto also tallied twice for the Continentals. Jud Henderson was strong between the pipes, stopping thirteen Thoroughbred shots.

After breaking their five game losing streak against Skidmore, the Continentals looked to extend their winning ways against rival Oswego. It was not to be, however, as Hamilton was embarrassed, 14-2. Another slow start led to seven first-quarter Oswego goals, as once again Hamilton failed to score until the second half. James Walsh '97 and Chris Toomey '97 netted the lone Hamilton goals.

Through eight games, Hawkanson leads the team in every scoring category, totalling fifteen points. Tommy White '98, with ten points, and Walsh, with seven, round out the top three.

The men's lacrosse team looks to turn its season around this weekend with games against Clarkson and St. Lawrence.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

**Men's lacrosse broke a five-game losing streak with an 8-3 victory over Skidmore on Saturday.**